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QMS GRADS PRESENT FOR SUCCESS

Students Earn Scholarships in Dogwood-District Authority Awards

June 2, 2015 - Duncan, BC, Canada – Five Grade 12 students at Queen Margaret's School took part in the highly competitive Dogwood-District Authority Awards in Victoria on April 30, 2015 and each successfully earned scholarships for post-secondary this September.

Dogwood-District Authority Awards are provincially funded awards which recognize excellence for graduates who excel in the areas of fine arts, applied skills, physical activity, second languages, community service or technical and trades training. Students were required to demonstrate excellence in one of these areas through a personal presentation to an adjudication team. QMS graduating students *Annie Arden, Christina DiCarlo, Karlie Castle, Jessica Knelson* and *Olivia Austin* all took part and have earned a \$500 cheque, and \$500 voucher for use towards post-secondary education.

"Anticipating the event, I was very nervous and didn't know what to expect," explains Jessica Knelson, QMS Deputy Head Girl and award recipient. "I was pleasantly surprised by the welcoming environment and the positive disposition of my adjudicators. As my competition category was leadership, I feel like my experiences at QMS were imperative to my success in this event."

"These students exemplify positive leadership, courage and a strong belief in their own potential," states Wilma Jamieson, QMS Head of School. "We are excited that they have received this financial award to help them on their paths. We wish them all the best!"

About Queen Margaret's School

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School (QMS)** is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a coed Early Childhood Education program, coed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory High School for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus school English Equestrian Program and an intensive ELL Program. The school's comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular programs provide opportunities for achievement and personal growth through academics, sports, visual and performing arts, riding and community service. We prepare students for university, for higher education, for life.

For more details about Queen Margaret's School, please visit the school's website at www.qms.bc.ca.

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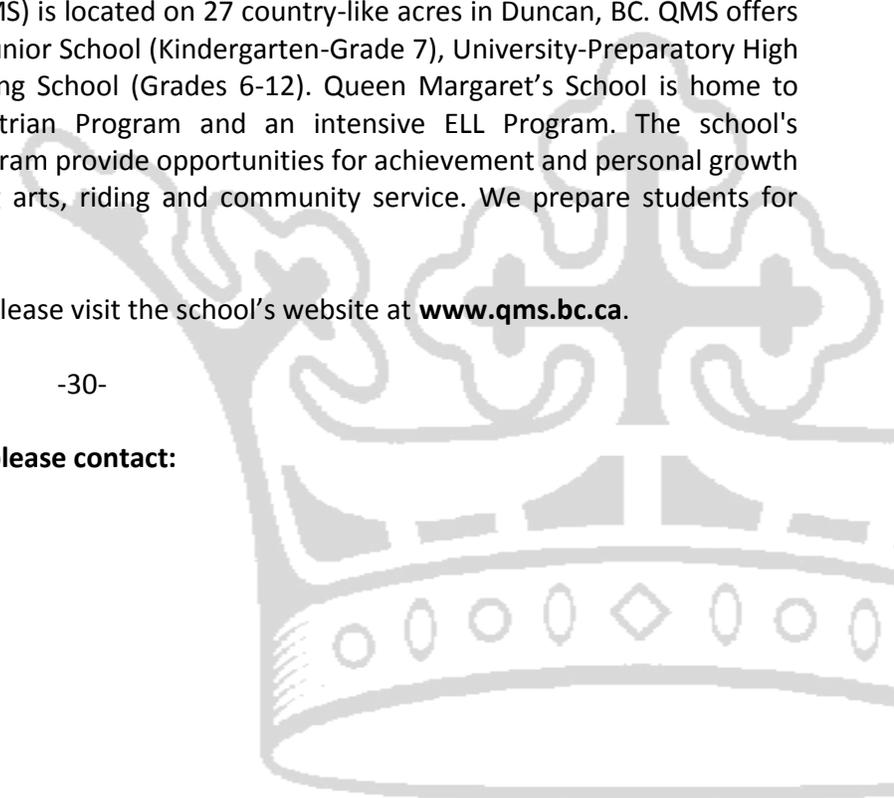




Photo: QMS Grade 12 students *Annie Arden*, *Christina DiCarlo*, *Karlie Castle*, *Jessica Knelson* and *Olivia Austin* each recently earned \$1,000 scholarships for their presentations at the Dogwood-District Authority Awards in Victoria.

