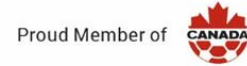




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Date: Jan. 31, 2022
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Bjorn Osieck, Director, Business Operations
Subject: MilkUP Future Leaders – “Class of ‘21” Bursary Recipient Announcement

Ontario Soccer and its community partner the **Dairy Farmers of Ontario** are proud to announce the inaugural recipients of its MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘21” initiative. This initiative is an integral element of the innovative MilkUP Future Leaders Youth Leadership Development Framework, originally launched in spring of 2021.

The **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘21”** recognizes the achievements and impact of youth in the soccer community. The selected group of deserving Award winners embodies the Ontario Soccer tagline of “Play. Inspire. Unite.” in both their soccer community and their home community.

The “**Class of ‘21**” awardees have consistently demonstrated an attitude of resilience and a strong work ethic. Very importantly, they all share future aspirations of leadership within the ‘beautiful game.’ The Awardees are driven to continue their journey of soccer involvement and community contribution as leaders, players, coaches, match officials, and/ or administrators.

This award includes a **\$500 education credit** per recipient to be used for soccer leadership education (any eligible Ontario Soccer Coach Education, Match Official Development courses, etc.)

Ontario Soccer recognizes that the last two years in particular have posed unprecedented challenges to the physical and mental well-being of all participants, in particular the youth under our care and stewardship.

As such, it is vital to provide enhanced support and opportunity to these future sport and community leaders to unlock the potential that soccer participation has for their future success. Ontario Soccer is grateful to its partners the **Dairy Farmers of Ontario**, who wholeheartedly share in this commitment to foster youth leadership development through better sport experiences.

The Class of '21 Education Grant Recipients are:

Recipient	Areas of Interest	Nominated by
Clara Lemoine	Coaching, Match Officiating, Leadership	Petawawa Minor Soccer Club
Craig Ross	Coaching, Match Officiating, Administration, Leadership	West Ottawa Soccer Club
Emma Chalons	Coaching, Leadership	Brams United Soccer Club
Fisher Horn	Match Officiating, Leadership	Perth United Soccer Club
Genevieve Robichaud	Coaching, Match Officiating, Administration, Leadership	Ottawa Gloucester Soccer Club
Harvard Matt	Coaching	Ottawa St. Anthony Soccer Club
Hayley Merrett	Coaching, Leadership	Ottawa Gloucester Soccer Club
Heather Brescacin	Coaching	Ancaster Legacy FC
Noah Bickford	Coaching, Leadership	Milton Magic
Sophia Lezizidis	Coaching, Leadership	London Youth Whitecaps

Ontario Soccer is looking forward to further strengthening its commitment to the advancement of youth leadership development by the continued delivery and refinement of the MilkUP Future Leaders Youth Leadership Development Framework for the 2022 season and beyond.

For more details regarding this program, please contact [Robyn Gmeindl](#).

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