



Rebecca Hillis

On the occasion of your Limestone Student Achievers Award

Rebecca Hillis is an outstanding Grade 12 Sydenham High School student. She has maintained a strong showing in her years at Sydenham High School, achieving high honours consistently. Her passion is in the arts, music and drama, and her grades in these subjects certainly reflect this.

In the arts, Rebecca has used her incredible talent as a vocal musician in numerous ways. She has led sing songs by the campfire on student leadership retreats, sang with the Glee Club, performed solos at Remembrance Day assemblies and toured LDSB schools with the school band. Rebecca has performed at LDSB Board meetings, former Director Hunter's retirement, athletic events and most impressively has performed at three Limestone Learning Foundation Crystal Ball Galas. Rebecca plans to continue her academic pursuits at Wilfrid Laurier University in the Bachelor of Music program where she auditioned in Voice - Soprano. Rebecca will continue to grow as a vocal musician in this environment with the support of professional coach-accompanists and prominent musicians.

Athletically, Rebecca is a member of the cross country and track and field teams. She has competed in both sports in each of her years at high school. Not only a competitive athlete, Rebecca is an incredible role model and mentor for younger teammates. In a confident, caring and respectful manner, and as a senior leader, she responds to the complex needs of Para - ID athletes on the school team (many of whom go on to compete at the provincial level). Rebecca is a true role model, providing assistance and leadership to ensure these athletes are on time, warmed up and ready to compete. Her contributions to this program are invaluable.

Rebecca has grown into an outstanding leader during her days at Sydenham High School. Her leadership is evident in all of the activities described above. She has an innate ability to recognize the needs of others, then formally and informally lead when necessary. One of her favourite memories of a trip to OFSAA demonstrates her qualities as a caring and calm leader. While working with the Para-ID girls team, she was singing with the entire hurdles team off key and then had to sprint from a track race to the announcer's booth to sing O' Canada at the last minute because "everyone just assumed I knew I was singing!"

The staff of Sydenham High School would like to thank Rebecca for her contributions and congratulate her on this accomplishment.

The Limestone District School Board is proud to honour Rebecca Hillis with a **Limestone Student Achievers Award**.