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Oakbank grad earns global citizenship award

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While many of his fellow graduates are getting ready to take on the world, Oakbank's Andrew Chudley has been recognized for his efforts to change it.

Chudley has been awarded the 'Global Citizenship' award from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC).

Currently in its fourth year, the \$200 cash award is handed out to four students from around the province who have engaged in meaningful leadership and global citizenship volunteer activities aimed at creating a more just and



Oakbank's Andrew Chudley has been awarded the 'Global Citizenship' award for his work on awareness of world issues.

sustainable world.

Students from Winnipeg's Westwood Collegiate, Erickson Collegiate and Grunthal Green Valley School were also chosen for the award.

"We get a number of applicants from around Manitoba," Janice Hamilton, executive director of MCIC, said. "Andrew definitely stood out among the top four."

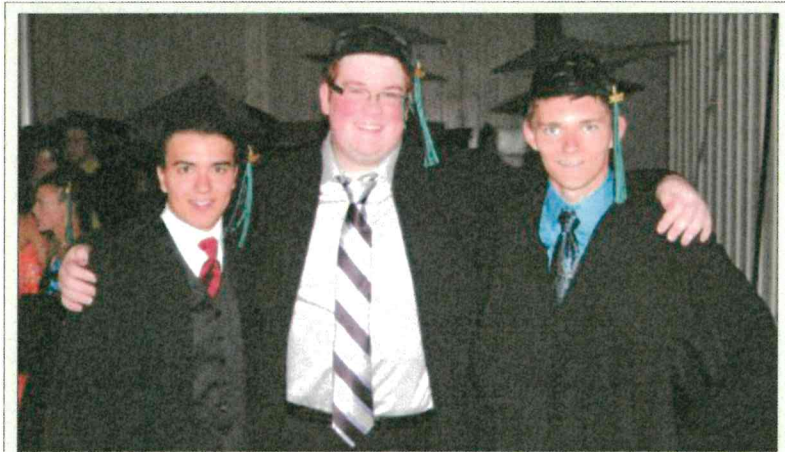
A soon-to-be graduate from College Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Chudley has been 'extremely active' in promoting and organizing global awareness campaigns and activities, Hamilton said.

Among his list of activities, Chudley spearheaded 'Schools Band Together' - a concert in support of Free the Children.

Put on by students from 13 schools around Manitoba, Chudley was the main organizer of the Winnipeg concert - raising \$2,200 to support children in Sierra Leone.

Earlier this year, Chudley, who lists drumming as one of his main passions, was also chosen by MCIC to participate in a music video in support of International Development week.

One of eight teens from across the province chosen for the project, Chudley and his fellow musicians had just one day to come up with the music, lyrics and shoot the video for a song centred around the



Graduation Day

École Edward Schreyer School seniors Keenan Ambrose (left), Dylan Besant and Trevor Ans are all smiles at their graduation ceremony June 27 at the Sun Gro Centre in Beausejour.

Photo by Mark T. Buss

theme of empowerment.

The result was a three-minute tribute to women and girls entitled 'Unbreakable' - a testament to the strength and determination of women of all ages around the world.

With just days to go before he collected his high school diploma, Chudley said he was "surprised and honoured" to be chosen for the global citizenship award.

"They (MCIC) are great people, to have them pick me and think I'm worthy of it - it's pretty amazing," Chudley said.

A firm believer in global citizenship and responsibility, Chudley stressed the importance of being aware of the impact one person's actions can have both

locally and around the world.

"Global citizenship is knowing that our choices can affect the other nearly seven billion people in the world, not just those around us. I find it difficult to sit idly by when I know that it is possible to take action."

Chudley plans to attend the I.H. Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba in the fall. Along with the global citizenship award, he has also been awarded the Leader of Tomorrow scholarship from the University of Manitoba as well as a scholarship from the Chartered Accountants of Manitoba.

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation is a

coalition of over 40 organizations involved in international development. An independent non-profit organization, MCIC is responsible for distributing Government of Manitoba funds designated for international development and emergency relief and rehabilitation and works within Manitoba to build understanding and engagement on international issues.

Along with the student global citizenship award, the MCIC introduced a similar award for educators in 2012. Naomi Harley, a Grade 5 and 6 teacher from Lac du Bonnet's Centennial School, was one of four educators from around the province chosen for the award.

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