

GORDON MITCHELL MEMORIAL FUND

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QUICK FACTS:

- \$29,923.23 raised
- \$15,000 given to 49 students over 11 years
- 5 youth share \$1,500/year
- Independent selection committee selects the students annually.

2014 AWARDS

Forty nine (49) students have earned a **Gordon Mitchell Memorial Award**, since 2004. This year, **Morgan Lynch** and **Sukhraj Dhaliwal** both won Rotary – Gordon Mitchell Awards to attend sport development camps in volleyball and basketball respectively.

Later in the year, **Parker Jackson** won the 2014 RAP – Skilled Trades Award. He said, “By considering me for the Gordon Mitchell RAP Award, you have helped me with schooling which allows me to focus on the more important aspects as the moment such as learning and excelling in my trade. Your generosity has helped me reach my goals and I hope to help others achieve their goals as you have helped me achieve.”

Austin Robertson (Grade 9) and **Luke Radau** (Grade 11) won the Spirit Awards recognizing students who go above and beyond in building a strong culture of caring at the High School level. Austin said “.... I am writing to you both today to say thank you for honoring me with the privilege of winning the Grade 9 Gordon Mitchell Spirit Award through my school. I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to you both for sponsoring this award.”

Luke said “... It is a great honour to receive the recognition for my grade 11 year. I am grateful for this opportunity to assist in furthering my post-secondary education. I will continue to improve upon my community in remembrance of your

son, and this award.

These students epitomize the promise and potential of youth!



2014 DONORS

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YOUTH AND PHILANTHROPY

In 2011, Brandon Bunch won the **Gordon Mitchell RAP Award**. He indicated that if he was ever in a position to, that he would help others.

It was a great privilege to meet Brandon and his business partner Jonah Ludwar, again, at the 2014 awards while he was

setting up his new award, the **Bunch & Ludwar Welding Award**

Awarded to a grade twelve student who has earned a high school diploma and has displayed perseverance and determination throughout high school.

Impressive. Way to go gentlemen!

Gifts are tax deductible

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MESSAGE FROM THE MITCHELL FAMILY

It's the time of year to reflect on the past and to set goals for the future.

Losing a loved one puts life into perspective. Each year, we engage in experiences and gather memories and we are reminded that our time with our loved one has been 'frozen in time'. There are no new pictures, no new memories, no looking forward with them.

Our challenge to you is to live! Live each day like it's your last. Love, like you've never loved before and en-

sure that you've taken the time to take care of yourself and others. Time waits for no one.

Each day that you live you are building your legacy. What will be the feeling and emotional recall that others have of you, when you are gone?

We believe that the awards set up in Gordon's name summarize who he was; a person who loved sports, who wished to express his independence through hands on work in the skilled trades – a sensitive young man.

The youth who win the Gordon Mitchell Memorial Awards give us hope for the future.

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched— they must be felt with the heart.” -

Helen Keller

The Memorial Fund honors Gordon Mitchell (Grade 11 student at Olds Jr. Sr. High School) who passed away December 29, 2003, at the age of 16.

Five awards are awarded annually to students from Olds Sr. High from gifts made from family, friends and faculty.

Gordon Mitchell (RAP) Scholarship Fund

1 x \$500 annually (Sept)

Student is nominated

Gordon Mitchell Spirit Awards

2 x \$250 annually (Sept)

Gr. 9 & Gr. 11

Students are nominated

Rotary Gordon Mitchell Sports Awards

2 x \$250 annually (June)

Students can apply; see Ms. LouAnn Statchuk



Joyanne, Kaitlyn & Jim Mitchell