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(Drummondville, Québec, November 23, 2023) – The Centre for Access to Services in English is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 winners of the Health and Social Services Community Leadership Bursary Program. Four amazing bilingual students from the Mauricie et Centre-du-Quebec region will each receive a bursary to help offset the costs of studying in their programs.

The program is sponsored by the Dialogue McGill Program and involves the allocation of bursaries for students from all regions of Quebec, who already have intermediate to advanced English and French skills. Our bursary students must be pursuing full-time studies in health and social services programs and must commit to return to the Mauricie et Centre-du-Quebec region and work for a minimum of one-year post-graduation in public health and social services institutions for each bursary received. The total amount received by the students in 2023-2024 was \$17,500.

Elyse Rousseau is studying at the Cégep de Trois-Rivières in the nursing program. Elyse attended the Mauricie English Elementary School and Three Rivers Academy High School. She has returned to volunteer for events at the schools and helped teach English to home-schooled children. Elyse is interested in the nursing program to be able to help people from her community access services in their language.

Ingrid Gilbert is completing her bachelor in midwifery at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. Ingrid graduated from the Shawinigan High School (SHS) and has been actively involved with coaching basketball and participating in the annual basketball tournament. She has also returned to Three Rivers Academy and Shawinigan High School to speak about her career path with students from secondary 3 to secondary 5. Ingrid has experience working in a hospital setting as an Occupational Therapist and with her stages and placements in hospitals and birthing homes, she saw a great difference in the confidence and understanding of clients when given the possibility to express themselves in their mother tongue.

Maika Lessard is studying in the nursing program at Champlain Regional College, Lennoxville. From grade 6 to secondary 2 Maika volunteered at a CHSLD, preparing and animating activities for the patients. Since she was one of the few people who spoke English at the CHSLD, she was often assigned to the English-speaking patients which made the patients very happy to be able to converse in their language. Maika knows her community in Shawinigan very well and wants to contribute to helping the community feel welcomed and listened to as much as possible when accessing the healthcare system.

William Piché is studying at the Cégep de Drummondville in the nursing program and works at the Hopital Saint Croix in Drummondville on a part-time basis. William did not attend school in English but he learned to speak the language. He understands the implications for language barriers for patients accessing health care and believes very strongly that patients must understand instructions given by health care providers for patients to receive a high-quality health care.

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