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PAANS Scholarship Recipients

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Partnership for Access Awareness Nova Scotia (PAANS) is pleased to announce the provincial recipients of the eight PAANS Scholarships for Students with Disabilities.

The awards will be presented at the Windows Restaurant at the World Trade and Convention Centre, on Friday, June 5th at 11:00am with the help of PAANS' corporate supporters.

Casino Nova Scotia

Province Wide Scholarship \$1000: Amanda Hammond, *Nova Scotia College of Art and Design*

Amanda has a passion for Art which she brings to her community work. She currently volunteers at The Rehabilitation Center in Halifax, using art as a form of therapy. Amanda is currently working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts at The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design with a long term goal of becoming a photographer. She hopes to inspire and educate the public through her Art.

Cape Breton Scholarship \$1000: Crystal Pentecost, *Cape Breton University*

Crystal is currently majoring in Biology and Political Science at Cape Breton University. She intends to pursue a Masters Degree in Special Education. Her goal is to become a teacher and she hopes that this field will enable her to bring a positive influence to the lives of children. Crystal currently volunteers as a teachers aid and provides support to youth through The Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association.

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HRM \$1000: Nicole Durand, *Eastern Passage*

Nicole will be attending St Mary's University in September, where she plans to obtain a Bachelor of Science. Her long term goal is to pursue a Bachelor of Education which will enable her to teach French Immersion. Nicole is

passionate about teaching and she hopes that she can educate students about persons with disabilities.

Central Region \$1000:Blair Cameron, *Scotsburn*

Blair will be attending NSCC Pictou Campus in September to study carpentry. He has enjoyed working with his hands since he was a young boy and has successfully competed in several Woodsmen Competitions. Blair is excited to be pursuing his passion to become a Carpenter.

Cape Breton \$1000:Jessica Lynn McGuigan,

Jessica is active in her community, volunteering her time for The Terry Fox Foundation and canvassing for The Canadian Diabetes Association. Jessica has been accepted to Mount Saint Vincent University where she will pursue her passion to become a teacher.

South West \$1000:Claude Comeau, *Digby County*

Claude has been an active member of his community for many years. Volunteering for The Terry Fox Foundation and raising funds for The Heart and Stroke Foundation by participating in the Big Bike Ride. Claude is currently taking the program 'Agent de bureau gouvernemental' at Universite Sainte-Anne. He is excited to pursue a career where he can use his public relation skills.

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HRM \$2500:Selena Landon

Selena graduated from Dalhousie University with a degree in Theatre. She has returned to school and currently attends Mount Saint Vincent University where she is taking Accounting. Her long term goal is to become a CMA. A mother of two young children, Selena's extra curricular activities involve helping out at fundraisers and working with the Theatre community helping local groups to produce shows.

Cape Breton \$2500:David Walker

David is currently completing his third year of a four year Bachelor of Business Administration Degree at Cape Breton University. His goal is to complete a double major in Marketing and Finance and to work in the financial industry. At University, David is an active member of student government and volunteers his time as a campaign worker and organizer.

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