

Wilson's Awards Nine Scholarships



Members of the Wilson family attending the annual student-employee luncheon take a moment to pose with the scholarship winners. (Rees Photo)

The Holiday Inn, Truro on July 13 was the venue for Wilson's to formally announce nine scholarships to student employees attending university or community college in Atlantic Canada. The winners were nominated by their supervisors. Wilson's has given out over 70 scholarships in the past eight years to Wilson's staff or family members.

The following is the Bio's of the nine winners:

Joel St. Peters

With his sights set on the big screen, Joel has dreams of becoming a film maker. And he's well on his way to making that dream a reality. In his second year at St. Thomas University, Joel's focus of study is writing, drama and film. An accomplished student and athlete, Joel's future is bright.

Nominated by: His father Troy St. Peters - Wilson's home heat employee

Troy prefaces his comments with the fact that he may of course be a bit biased, but says he would be awed by everything his son has accomplished even if they weren't related. He writes, "My son has always been an incredibly hard working and gifted student. You had to stop him from doing homework to make him go to bed. He was valedictorian at his high school and completed his first year university with a 4.3 average."

Matthew Penman

Bridgetown ESSO, NS
Working with his hands always came naturally to Matthew. So a career in the pipetrades seems a perfect fit. Matthew will be attending NSCC with a goal of obtaining his red seal. Always willing to help out, Matthew is community minded, performing odd jobs for neighbours and 'paying it forward'.

Nominated by: Nancy Halliday, Bridgetown Esso manager.
"Matthew is a very hard worker and shows pride in his work, he has to do it right the first time. He gets along great with staff and will step up to the plate if asked. He has great customer service and is very polite and courteous."



Mike Menzies, manager Wilson's Home Heating proudly holds the floral centre piece while it's owner is getting a picture taken. The floral arrangement was given to each of the employees who nominated a winner. (Rees Photo)

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Rayann Robichaud

Church Ave. ESSO Saint John, NB
Entering her second year in sciences at St. FX, Rayann plans to continue her education in physiotherapy or dentistry. Selected twice for a youth leadership conference, Rayann volunteers for her church, referees basketball and fundraises, all the while working part time at ESSO in Saint John.

Nominated by: Jeanie Thomas, Manager Saint John ESSO.
"Rayann has been a very important part of our family at Wilson's for the past three years. Whenever she was called to help with covering sick time or with any situation, her response time was immediate and she's always willing to help. I will miss her spirit and work ethic and wish her all the best for the future."

Wayne Desmond

New Glasgow Wilson's, NS
An active leader in his school, community and church, Wayne sat on his high school student council and is a member of his town's race relations committee. It's no surprise he's headed for a career in law. Entering his first year at Saint Mary's, he plans to continue his education at Dalhousie for law.

Nominated by: Michelle Beauchamp, assistant manager New Glasgow ESSO.

"In the time I have known Wayne, he's been an upbeat worker, always happy always willing to take a shift and not afraid to put in the work that has to be done. All his fellow employees like working with him. He's never late and always early. He is always first to step up when any work needs to be done like painting, mowing and yard work. He has a great sense of humour and enjoys joking with co-workers and customers."

Tilina Barkhouse

Truro Wilson's, NS
Her life long passion for animals has Tilina looking to pursue a career in animal assisted trauma therapy. She'll be taking psychology at UNB in the Fall. Tilina is active in 4-H and school groups, volunteers at the food bank and still has time to work part time at Wilson's Truro and maintain high grades.

Nominated by: Mary Kaulback, area supervisor.
"Tilina is always pleasant and well liked by her fellow teammates and customers. She takes on extra shifts when needed. She is highly organized with strong attention to detail. She is a key holder and responsible for securing product and opening and closing procedures. She is very eager and focused and will accomplish whatever she puts her mind to"

Carter MacDougall

Richmond Wilson's, PE
Giving back to his community is very important to Carter. He's a volunteer junior firefighter, helping respond to calls and fundraising efforts. He's also involved with his church and family farm, while working 2-3 shifts a week at ESSO and maintaining an honours average in French immersion. He's taking Aircraft Technology at Holland College this fall.

Nominated by: Kathy Gallant, Manager Richmond ESSO.
"This young man had a very unique start to his Wilson's career. On his second week of work, he was robbed during his shift. Not only did he not quit, he did not miss a shift afterwards. The situation was handled appropriately, which meant everyone was safe and the accused man was caught and convicted. Carter comes in early for his shifts with a smile on his face and is always prepared. He is very popular with staff and customers and has a very strong work ethic."

Morgan MacPherson

Read's Corner ESSO, PE
A highly motivated and dedicated student with a 94% average, Morgan's career goal is to become an engineer. He'll be attending Dalhousie in the Fall. A well rounded multi tasker, Morgan was a member of his championship high school football team and plays guitar and drums. He regularly picks up extra shifts at Read's Corner ESSO.
Nominated by: Ashlee Graham, manager Reads Corner ESSO.
"Morgan is a strong member and I am so pleased to have him on our team. His personality and confidence is quite contagious. He has amazing customer service skills and works as hard as he can to complete any task at hand in a time efficient manner."

Rayann Dillman

Elmsdale ESSO, NS
The third member of the Dillman family to receive a Wilson's Family scholarship, Rayann is a chip off the block. Dedicated, hard working and focused, she has chosen to take a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Diversity and Social Justice at UPEI. An active volunteer with numerous charities and groups, she works 25-30 hours/week and maintains a high average.

Nominated by: Sam Dillman, manager Elmsdale (now Wyse Road, Dartmouth) and sister to Rayann

"Rayann was hired August 2015. She has continued to work many shifts per week while attending Hants East Rural High school. This demonstrates her desire to succeed and shows an ability to set goals and follow through - both great attributes to have!"

Liam King

Woodstock Rd ESSO Fredericton, NB
Entering his third year at UNB, Liam is working towards an arts degree in Criminology & History. He plans to continue his education and complete a Law degree. A volunteer with the SPCA and other organizations, Liam continually gives back to his community and has a bright future.

Nominated by: Heather Reed, Manager By Pass Esso, Fredericton.
"As a part time employee, Liam has worked for me for the past three years. He has proven himself to be a remarkably responsible, confident young man. On and off the job he conducts himself with integrity. He has my highest recommendation."



Winners of the 2016 Wilson's Student Employee Scholarships pose for a photo outside the Holiday Inn, Truro following presentation of the Scholarships. (Rees Photo)

Victoria Park in August

Submitted by *Samantha Madore*

The following is a partial list of things to do in Truro during August. This list focuses primarily on Victoria Park.

Aug 1: Concert in the Park: Gordon Tucker & Tim Bowers + County Transit; Aug 7: Sunday in the Park Concert Series: Andy LeBlanc & Friends; Aug 12: Movie Night in Victoria Park: High School Musical; Aug 14: Sunday in the Park Concert: Gerald MacKenzie + Gary Webb; Aug 19: Movie Night in Victoria Park: The Princess Bride; Aug

21: Sunday in the Park Concert: Paul Randy Mingo and Aug 28: Sunday in the Park Concert: Witchitaw.

In addition a Movie Night will be held at the Truro Farmers Market on August 5: Ferris Bueller's Day Off. The following three street parties will be held on Inglis Place in August as well: Artsy-Fartsy Festival, August 6-7; Shredfest, August 13 and Blueberry Festival, August 20-21.

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