



Members of the Wilson's family and attending staff gather with the 10th anniversary scholarship winners for a 2018 group photo.  
(Rees Photo)

## Wilson Family Scholarship started in 2009

By Maurice Rees

In 2009 during the 100th Anniversary of Wilson's establishment in Truro, it was decided to develop a scholarship program for youthful employees as a way to support staff and their families. Since 2009, close to 300 applications have been received from throughout the Atlantic Provinces.

Leslie Wilson who chaired the award presentation at the Holiday Inn on June 9th introduced Wilson family members present and the current scholarship committee comprising: Shelley Hannam, Chair; Derm Kemp, Shelley Gallant, Mike Menzies, Ron Gillis, Eleanor Moore and Gregor Wilson.

To date including this year's awards, the company has awarded 88 scholarships, which totals approximately

\$300,000 dollars. The gender breakdown of award winners is 45 females and 43 males. Everyone who applies gets a gas card. Since 2009 over \$50,000 in gas cards have been awarded.

How have the scholarship winners fared and where are they now? To give an update, chairlady, Leslie Wilson provided a bit of information about eight of the previous winners:

2012 - Veronica Doiron - is an LPN working in PEI; 2012 - Krista Lynds - is a primary and grade one teacher working full time; 2014 - Lukas Geldart - Graduated in May 2018 - Mechanical Engineering - working at Alscott Air Systems in Dartmouth and 2014 - Megan Bustin - completed her 3rd year in nursing.

Nine scholarships were award again this year, which included a permanent scholarship in memory of Jonathan McIntyre, who died in a tragic accident. He's the son of Linda McGill, a long time employee of Wilsons,

2009 - Matthew Munro - is now an accountant with Grant Thornton; 2009 - Kurt Queripal - is a Welder working in Johannesburg, South Africa; 2009 - Katie Gordon - Working at Holiday Maker - seeing the world - living and working in Australia and 2011 - Courtney Lynds - teaching full time.

Since 2012 she provided in-

## Wilson's - 4 Area Students Awarded Scholarships

By Maurice Rees

Four of nine lucky student-employees who were awarded Wilson's 2018 Scholarships, were from the Truro, Bible Hill and Great Village areas. The area winners included: Jessica Hennessey, Truro Wilsons; Kathleen Smith, Great Village Wilsons; Mitchell St. Peters, Truro Wilsons and Robbi Gordon, Bible Hill ESSO.

Other winners were: Chloe McManus, Enfield ESSO; Kaelah Snow, Enfield ESSO; Karla Maatouk, Elmsdale ESSO; Thomas (Sam) Laing, Wilsons Security, Halifax and Spencer Hoar, Moncton Propane.

The following is the individual citation of the area winners, read out during the presentation event:

**Jessica Hennessey, Truro Wilsons.** Jessica has completed her first year of the Child & Youth Care program at NSCC, with a goal of achieving a Bachelor of Social Work. The dedicated community volunteer was inspired to work with children by her family, who fostered children as she grew up. She wants to make a difference in young peoples lives.

**Kathleen Smith, Great Village Wilsons.** A member of her high school soccer team, Kathleen volunteers at her church and with Timbits soccer. She maintains an honours average while working part time at Great Village Wilsons. Kathleen

will be enrolled in a Bachelor of Education program at university in the Fall with a goal of becoming a teacher.

**Mitchell St. Peters, Truro Wilsons.** A talented musician and singer, Mitchell performs regularly in his community at hockey games and local events. A peer counsellor at his school, he helps teach music appreciation during his spare classes. A strong student, Mitchell will be attending Acadia in the Fall to pursue a teaching degree, focusing on English or Music.

Jonathan McIntyre Award was also presented to Robbi Gordon, who was also chosen as one of the eight regular Wilson's Scholarships.

**Congratulations to all 'Wilson's Scholarship' winners**



This adult female Porpoise was found in the waters at Little Bass River by Matthew Boyd, Tatamagouche on August 5th.  
(Boyd Photo)

## Little Bass River Porpoise Dead on Shore

By Maurice Rees

Around August 5th this adult female porpoise measuring 5' 6" was found washed up on the shore at Little Bass River. The porpoise had significant injuries, one on each side of the head. Matthew Boyd, Tatamagouche, who has cottage on Kings-Minas Road, Little Bass River was bass fishing with his children and found the porpoise floating in the water.

It was picked up by MARS and is the second of two to wash up in the Minas Basin since the unmonitored turbine was installed.

According to area fishers, the perfect situation is in place to create an environment with no accountability. The turbine, which is spinning freely, is not being monitored; creates no data and with no data there is no proof and therefore nothing happened.

Fish and marine mammals are starting to wash ashore in the minas basin. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS.

MARS e-mail address is mars@marineanimals.ca Toll free number for reporting dead and distressed marine animals 1-866-567-6277



Four area students awarded Wilson's scholarships. Pictured are: (L-R) Jessica Hennessey, Truro Wilsons; Robbi Gordon, Bible Hill ESSO; Kathleen Smith, Great Village Wilsons and Mitchell St. Peters, Truro Wilsons and gathered with Dave Wilson, Wilsons Fuel Director, on far right after being awarded 2018 Wilson's Scholarships. Robbi Gordon was also awarded the Jonathan McIntyre Scholarship. (Rees Photo)

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