

Pearson College UWC student named Loran Scholar

Kira Young, lone winning student on Vancouver Island, named among 36 across Canada

Metchosin, B.C., 27 March 2024 - Pearson College UWC is proud to announce that second-year student Kira Young has been selected as a Loran Scholar for the 2024 school year.

This prestigious recognition, announced by the Foundation earlier this morning, celebrates her outstanding character, unwavering commitment to service, and potential to lead with integrity. The value of the award is more than \$100,000 over four years.

"Kira exemplifies the United World College mission - and Loran's recognition of - young people being a force to create positive change in the world," said Head of College Jason McBride. "We are incredibly proud of Kira as a soon-to-be Pearson College graduate as someone who will continue to challenge the status quo in a way that our graduates from the last half century have done."

The 36 newest recipients, including Kira, hail from over 30 diverse communities across Canada. Each student undergoes a rigorous nationwide selection process to attain the prestigious title of Loran Scholar. From submitting applications to participating in regional semi-final interviews and attending national interviews, the journey is not just about recognition but also about personal growth. It allows students like her to delve deeper into themselves, connect with other changemakers, and foster their potential to drive meaningful change.

As we celebrate her achievements, we are reminded of the importance of investing in promising students like Kira, who embody the spirit of optimism and resilience that will drive our nation forward.

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About Loran Scholars Foundation:

The Loran Scholars Foundation is dedicated to identifying and empowering values-driven youth who demonstrate exceptional character, commitment to service, and leadership potential. Through rigorous selection processes and comprehensive support programs, we aim to foster the next generation of changemakers who will positively impact their communities and beyond.

To view the full list of Scholars, please visit [2024 Loran Scholars - Loran Scholars](#).

About Pearson College UWC:

Founded as Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (Canada) and located along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation.

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Pearson’s mission is “to make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future” through a two-year pre-university (equivalent to grades 12 & 13) school for more than 200 students aged 16 to 19 selected from up to 160 countries and across Canada offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This year, about 75% attend on full or partial scholarships. Nearly 4,300 students have graduated from Pearson, including 15 who have become Rhodes Scholars.

For more information, please see www.pearsoncollege.ca and our [social media pages](#).

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