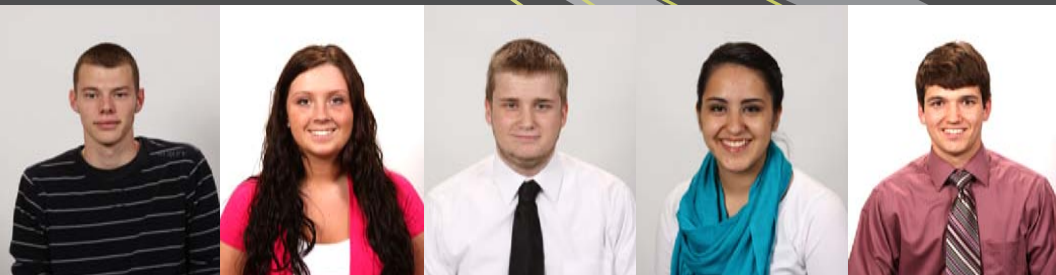


2010 YMCA
Celebration of Youth
Awards
May 20, 2010



YMCA

YMCA of Sarnia-Lambton

2010 Celebration of Youth Awards

For more than 90 years the YMCA of Sarnia-Lambton has been a leader in youth development in our community. We believe the youth of today are the key to a more prosperous future tomorrow. By investing in our youth, they will become healthy, caring adults contributing to a caring and civil society.

The Celebration of Youth, Awards of Distinction is one example of the Y's commitment to invest in the young people of Sarnia-Lambton. The Awards honour individuals whose outstanding talents and achievements contribute to the well-being and future of our community. The YMCA and its sponsors are extremely proud of the opportunity to recognize these unique individuals in our community.

The mission of the YMCA is to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities. The Celebration of Youth is just one of the ways the Y works to make a difference in our community.

Celebration of Youth

ZACH TAYLOR
Apprenticeship Award
Sponsored by The Sarnia Lambton Workforce
Development Board



ZACH TAYLOR

Zach Taylor learned the basics of auto mechanics as a young child working along side his father. According to his teachers and co-op employers, that early love has now developed into an expertise and dedication that are exceptional so early in a career.

Zach has already completed 900 hours toward his journeyman's certificate. He will continue in his apprenticeship after graduation from LCCVI in June and then will attend Fanshawe College to complete the academic portion of the requirements for the licensed Automotive Service Technician.

Academically, Zach has already earned 28 credits with major achievements in English, History and Technology.

Zach's contributions to the community include participating in five YMCA CHOK International Bridge Races, assisting at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia with the Have a Heart for Haiti Program, taking part in several YMCA Skills Link events, and volunteering as a maintenance resource person at a senior citizens apartment. In addition to his part time jobs, he manages to involve himself in landscaping, grass cutting, and snow removal for his neighbours.

In school Zach fully completes his own assignments and then offers to assist others. His teachers report that he is always willing to share his knowledge and abilities to the benefit of his classmates. In the workplace, he is considered an excellent worker. When he finishes one task, he always seeks another. His employers state that Zach's work ethic along with his ability and desire to learn will give him a huge advantage over his competitors.

Zach Taylor's interest in and knowledge of auto mechanics is exceptional. He is a worthy recipient of the Apprenticeship Award.