

# The Westlander



Spring 2025

## President's Update



Hello

On May 8<sup>th</sup> Westland held its 15<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Breakfast, our first since the pandemic began. Thank you to everyone who supported the breakfast! THANK YOU to all the scholars, volunteers, attendees and our executive director Caroline who made the breakfast a success. This year's breakfast sold 207 tickets and we raised over \$11,000 towards the Westland Foundation Education Fund.

I would like to thank Westland Scholars Cynthia Tran and Rafael Manangan, who did an excellent job as our breakfast emcees.

Our guest speaker, Chief of Police Gene Bowers, shared many details and difficulties of policing, including his experiences while he was a constable working in the inner-Winnipeg area.

Chief Bowers, the City of Winnipeg's Police Services and Westland's overall goals for improving our community align so closely, we truly hope that our collective goals are achieved.

Thank you to Minister Bernadette Smith and Councillor Vivian Santos for bringing greetings on behalf of our governments.

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## Westland Breakfast

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Westland Foundation Breakfast at the Winnipeg Convention Centre May 8th, 2025!

Hosted by Westland Scholars Cynthia Tran and Rafael Manangan, and featuring an incredible speech from keynote speaker Chief of Police Gene Bowers, it was a heartwarming and rewarding morning, with all proceeds directed to the Westland Foundation Education Fund (WFEF).



John Prystanski, and Chris Albi present Police Chief Bowers with a Westland plaque



Westland Board, Volunteers and Special Guests

The Foundation's goal is to grow the WFEF, to continue to increase the scholarship in number and value, and ultimately fund every inner-Winnipeg student's entire post-secondary education.

For more details and pictures from the Westland Breakfast, please visit our website @[www.westlandfoundation.com](http://www.westlandfoundation.com)

On behalf of the Westland Foundation and future Westland Scholars, THANK YOU for your support.

## Meet Westland Scholar Francesca Carino

Upon graduating from Sisler High School in 2024, Francesca had her sights set on a computer science degree from U of M.

Having heard about the Westland Foundation from friends that are Westland Scholars, Francesca applied and was successful!

"My Westland scholarship will assist me with paying my tuition and the additional fees associated with my degree," says Francesca. "This includes textbooks and supplementary materials."

After completing her degree, this Westland Scholar hopes to work toward a position in a technology company, maybe even developing her own start up some time in the future.

Whatever road Francesca travels, she is grateful to have the title of Westland Scholar. "I would like to express my appreciation for this recognition and support, which will benefit me as I continue my learning journey," says Francesca.





# News and Events

## Congratulations to Westland Foundation Vice-President Adam Smoluk!



The Honourable Dan Vandal (Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface - Saint Vital), Adam Smoluk, Jennifer Smoluk

On March 13, Adam Smoluk, Executive Director of Film Training Manitoba, was awarded the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal.

This commemorative distinction is awarded to Canadians who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the well-being of Canadian society.

The Coronation Medal was created to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It is the first Canadian commemorative medal to mark a coronation.

Way to go Adam!

## Meet Westland Scholar Gayle Alliyah Evangelista

As a student at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, Gayle learned about the Westland Foundation from her high school counselor and made sure to apply.

With her scholarship Gayle is attending RRC Polytechnic, working towards a diploma in Health Information Management.

“The scholarship from Westland will help me continue my studies,” says Gayle. “After obtaining my diploma, I would like to take national exams and become a certified CHIM (Certified Health Information Management).”



Gayle also looks forward to giving back to inner-Winnipeg by reaching out to students in high school with encouragement and making them aware of all the different career paths available to them.

“I would like to thank the Westland donors and volunteers” remarks Gayle. “Thank you for all of the hard work and dedication you provide to our community. And thank you for giving students this wonderful chance!”

## President's Report con't

Recently, my law office team hired another legal assistant. Our new assistant advised me that her mother's friend's daughter is a Westland Scholar and that the Westland Scholarship made a difference.

Sometimes as we venture through life, we wonder if our activities really do make a difference in people's lives. I can truly state, that I believe our activities do.

Westland and all our volunteers, donors and friends do make a difference. So, please continue to support Westland and let's continue to make a difference to many more generations of students.

And finally, to 2025 graduates and a new class of Westland Scholars, congratulations for all you have accomplished and for your dedication in achieving your post-secondary goals! We wish you the very best in the next steps of your educational journey, and are honoured to support you along the way.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer.

Very best regards,

John Prystanski  
President and Founder



2024/2025 Westland Scholars attending the Westland Breakfast

## Westland Fund Fact

Since 1993 Westland Foundation has raised over \$2.5 million for the Westland Foundation Education Fund!

The deadline to apply for a 2025 Westland Scholarship is fast approaching.

Apply through our website  
[@www.westlandfoundation.com](http://www.westlandfoundation.com)  
by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025!

Become A **WESTLAND SCHOLAR** Today!!!

## 2025-2026 Scholarship Application is now open!

### Applicants must be:

Incoming first-year students registering in RRC Polytech, the University of Manitoba, or the University of Winnipeg for the 2025-2026 academic year;

Grade 12 graduates of the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, or 2024-2025 academic years and;

Earned at least 80%, and for the RRC Polytech applicants at least 70%, final marks at the end of the school year per subject taken from Grades 7 to 12 at the following inner-Winnipeg schools:

### Elementary and Junior High Schools

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| -Andrew Mynarski                   | -Lansdowne        | - William Whyte |
| -David Livingstone                 | -Meadows West     |                 |
| -General Wolfe                     | -Niji Mahkwa      |                 |
| -Hugh John Macdonald               | -Sacré-Coeur      |                 |
| -Isaac Brock                       | -Sargent Park     |                 |
| -Isaac Newton                      | -Shaughnessy Park |                 |
| -Keewatin Prairie Community School | -Stanley Knowles  |                 |

### Senior High Schools

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| -Argyle Alternative High School    | -R.B. Russell Vocational High School |
| -Children of the Earth High School | -Sisler High School                  |
| -Danial McIntyre Collegiate        | -St. John's High School              |
| -Gordon Bell High School           | -Tec Voc High School                 |

### Requirements:

Copy of Grade 7 to 12 Official Transcript of Records (or report cards for applicants that may not have their Grade 7 and 8 Transcripts of Records)

Complete and submit an application on our website

To apply visit: <https://westlandfoundation.com/scholarship/application>



# Deadline July 31, 2025



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