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## Finalists Announced for Mount Pearl's Top Youth Banquet & Awards Show May 13 at the Glacier

MOUNT PEARL, NL - The City of Mount Pearl's 2014 – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Focus on Youth Awards and Show takes place 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Glacier. Awards will be presented in 15 categories.

*"As a City we are extremely proud of the many accomplishments and the outstanding contribution of our youth community and we salute the adult volunteers who provide support and guidance. Special thanks to the nominators who took the time to do their part in acknowledging our tremendous youth movement. As well, congratulations are extended to all nominees. We are pleased to have Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union, Eastern Audio Limited and Smitty's as our major sponsors. We applaud these community-minded businesses, as well as the many other corporate supporters for their continued support of our City's youth."* - **Mayor Randy Simms**

The Youth Awards are coordinated in partnership with the City of Mount Pearl's Community Services Department and the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance. For more information on the Youth Awards, please contact Garry Fraser, Youth Services Coordinator at 748-1010.

### **2014 Focus on Youth Awards Finalists:**

**Female Youth of the Year** – Taylor Baker Tucker, Noubahar Hasnain, Lauren Coombs

**Male Youth of the Year** – Harrison Latham, Ryan McDonald

**Youth Volunteer of the Year** – Cassandra Chislett, Julie Bennett, Megan Glover

**Youth Group of the Year** – MPSH Causes for Concern Outreach Group, O'Donel Patriot Mentors, 17<sup>th</sup> Mount Pearl Pathfinders

**RNC Youth in Service Award** – Emily Gallant, Megan Glover, Julie Bennett

**STEM Award** – Emily Gallant, Lauren Coombs, Colin Hunt

**Performing Arts Youth Award** – Julia Dunne, Joseph Coffin, Nick Mandville, Jenny Mallard

**Performing Arts Recognition Awards (Group Recipients)** – Mount Pearl Show Choir, O'Donel Jazz Band, Etcetera 28 - True Colours, MPSH Drama Club, O'Donel High School's Sound of Music

**Visual Arts Youth Award** – Erin Fitzgerald, Sarah Hiscock, Megan Smith

**Literary Arts Youth Award** – Emily Hepditch, Breanna Sheppard, Erin Burke

**Female Youth Athlete of the Year** – Laura Pittman, Samantha Hallett, Emily Bailey

**Male Youth Athlete of the Year** – Levi Moulton, Liam Hickey, Drew Bennett

**Youth Sports Team of the Year** – Girls U14 Celtics Basketball Team, Mount Pearl 12 & Under Synchro Swim Team, Mount Pearl Minor Baseball Bantam AA Team

**Adult Volunteer Working with Youth in Sport** – Brian Hunt, Jesse Devilla, Perry Dalton

**Official of the Year** – Ashley Hammond, Karen Hillyard, Jeff Butler

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