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Mount Pearl's Top Youth Announced

29th Annual Focus on Youth Awards honour outstanding young citizens

MOUNT PEARL, NL – Last night, the City of Mount Pearl held its 29th Annual Focus on Youth Awards at the Glacier Arena to recognize the accomplishments of its top youth.

“The Focus on Youth Awards celebrate the achievements of our youth leaders. The awards honour outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of arts, sports, science, self-improvement and volunteerism. I would like to congratulate all nominees and winners, and say a special thank you to staff, volunteers and sponsors on the success of another terrific show,” said Mayor Dave Aker.

The winners of the 2017 Focus on Youth Awards are:

Female Youth of the Year – Emily Garlie

Male Youth of the Year – Nathan Pitts

Female Athlete of the Year – Camryn Bonia

Male Athlete of the Year – Alexander French

Team of the Year – Mount Pearl-Paradise YBC Senior Boys Team

Adult Volunteer Working with Youth in Sport – Claudette Whelan

Official of the Year – Renee Quick

Youth Volunteer of the Year – Brianna Hepditch

Youth Group of the Year – O'Donel Outreach Team

RNC Youth in Service Award – Kelsey Stanford

Adult Volunteer Working with Youth - Paul Price

Performing Arts Recognition – Mount Pearl Senior High Drama, O'Donel High Jazz Band, Mount Pearl Senior High Little Shop of Horrors Production.

Performing Arts Award – Andrew Hepditch

Literary Arts Award – Erin Burke

S.T.E.M. Award – Abygail Pike

About the Focus on Youth Awards

The Focus on Youth Awards is an annual banquet and show hosted by the City of Mount Pearl. This year's event featured performances by O'Donel High's Footloose Production, Caroline Sutton, Andrew Hepditch, Rachel Waddleton and the O'Donel Jazz Band. Major sponsors included Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union, Eastern Audio Limited and Smitty's Family Restaurant.

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