

## MOUNT PEARL'S TOP YOUTH ANNOUNCED

# 31st Annual Focus on Youth Awards Honor Outstanding Young Citizens

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June 17, 2021 (Mount Pearl, NL) – The City of Mount Pearl held its 31st Annual Focus on Youth Awards virtually (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwvQWs8GWT8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwvQWs8GWT8</a>) to recognize the accomplishments of its top youth. The event was hosted by the 2019 winners of the Youth of the Year Award and Youth In-Service Award, Cameron Kinsella and Michael Chislett respectively. The awards are available to watch on the City of Mount Pearl's Facebook page and YouTube channel on demand.

"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. On behalf of City Council, I congratulate all nominees and winners, and express my special thanks to staff, judges, volunteers, and sponsors on another successful show," said Mayor Dave Aker.

The winners of the 31st Focus on Youth Awards include:

Youth of the Year — Liam Bavis
Athlete of the Year — Megan Holden
Athlete of the Year — Kalan Noonan
Team of the Year — O'Donel High Senior Boys Volleyball Team
Youth Volunteer of the Year — Sara Parsons
RNC Youth in Service Award — Sarah Bertrand
Performing Arts Recognition— O'Donel High School—"The Wedding Singer" and The Valley
Performing Arts Individual Award — Julia Bryant and Rebecca— Ann Bartlett
Visual Arts Award— Jordan Dawe and Jade Hickey
Literary Arts Award — Russell Corbett

#### About the Focus on Youth Awards

The Focus on Youth Awards is usually an annual banquet and show hosted by the City of Mount Pearl. This year's virtual event featured performances by Rebecca-Ann Bartlett, David French, Julia Bryant, Mackenzie Critch, O'Donel High's "The Wedding Singer" and The Valley.

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