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**41 STUDENTS RECEIVE FSRS OCEANS 11 PROGRAM AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT**

41 students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. This annual award recognizes students, nominated by their teachers, who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their Oceans 11 class, including level of interest, participation and contribution to the class, along with scholastic achievement. The Oceans 11 Program is a science program for grade 11 students, offering them the opportunity to learn about a wide range of marine science topics, including biology, oceanography, fisheries science and fisheries management.

The Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) is a non-profit organization which strives to improve the state and sustainability of our fisheries resources. The FSRS members, as the name suggests, are predominantly either fishermen, or scientists who study the fisheries resources, and the marine systems on which they depend. Other members include social scientists, educators and interested citizens. The prime requirements are an interest in the goals of the FSRS and a willingness to contribute towards them.

The FSRS works towards its goals in two related ways. First, members conduct science projects. These involve field collection of data, samples and specimens, and laboratory processing and analysis by FSRS technicians, interns and members. The data produced by FSRS projects have been used in stock assessments, marine mapping of fisheries resources and published results have appeared in the primary scientific literature. The second way the FSRS seeks to improve the long-term prospects of our fisheries is through education, or more properly, co-education. Both the fishermen and scientist members have a wealth of knowledge about fisheries resources and the ocean. They certainly do not express it the same way but, more importantly, it is not the same knowledge. When these two groups have put their heads together, learned each other's way of describing what they know, and pooled their knowledge, strong new insights have emerged.

The FSRS implemented the Oceans 11 Achievement Award to recognize the efforts of others that work towards the goals they share with the FSRS. The development of the Oceans 11 program in our schools is clearly such an effort, and the achievements of students in the program are worthy of recognition.

The FSRS congratulates the following students who received the award:

Amherst Regional High School, Brett d'Entremont; Bridgewater High School, Ethan Thomas; Central Kings Rural High School, Brittany Baird; Cole Harbour District High School, Sarah Theriault; Cole Harbour District High School, Kristopher During; Cole Harbour District High School, Andrea Myra; Cole Harbour District High School, Krista Simpson; Cole Harbour District High School, Jean-Philippe Rioux; Digby Regional High School, Felicia Raymond; Digby Regional High School, Rachel Leeman; Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, Jill Donaldson; Flexible Learning & Education Centers (FLECs), Hope MacKenzie; Glace Bay High School, Shawn Smith; Glace Bay High School, Shealeigh MacVicar; Glace Bay High School, Odin Merahfe; Glace Bay High School, Azure Brown; Hants West Rural High School, Kaylah Jenson; Hants West Rural High School, Kathleen Chambers; Hants West Rural High School, Daniel Bray; Holy Angels High School, Adria Boudreau; Liverpool Regional High School, Marc de Rome; Lockeport Regional High School, Simone Molitor; Lockview High School, Alexander Kienapple; Lockview High School, Natalie Lalonde; MacDonald School Complex, Ryan Anderson; Middleton Regional High School, Brenna Harris; Middleton Regional High School, Tara Rutherford; Middleton Regional High School, Kristie Sheridan; Middleton Regional High School, Beth MacNeil; New Glasgow High School, Ashley Kressnor; Park View Education Center, Keiran Daly; Pugwash District High School, Christina Darragh; St. Mary's Academy, Angela Martin; Queen Elizabeth High School, Rhys MacDonald; River Hebert District High, Victoria Ortego; Sir John MacDonald High School, Stephanie Brown; Stellarton High School, Will Morse; Strait Area Education-Recreation Center, Stephen Sangster; Westville High School, Angie Wark; Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, Matthew Brittain; Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, James "Luke" LeBlanc.

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