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**FISHERMEN AND SCIENTISTS RESEARCH SOCIETY
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**70 STUDENTS RECEIVE FSRS OCEANS 11 PROGRAM AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

Seventy students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the ninth annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. Eighteen of these students received their award at a ceremony held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, on Oceans Day, June 8. Each student was presented with their award and given a tour of the facilities by friendly and well trained tour guides. 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.

Established in January 1994, the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) is a non-profit organization which is an active partnership between fishermen and scientists. The FSRS was developed with the overall objectives to establish and maintain a network of fishermen and scientists capable of conducting collaborative research and collecting information relevant and necessary to the long-term sustainability of marine fisheries, and to promote effective communication between fishermen, scientists and the general public. The current membership consists of over 400 members. As the name suggests, the FSRS members 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 for becoming a member are an interest in the goals of the FSRS and a willingness to contribute towards them.

The FSRS works towards achieving the first objective in two related ways. First, members conduct science projects. These involve field collections 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 and 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 for 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.

As previously mentioned, one of the FSRS's primary objectives is also to facilitate and promote effective communication between fishermen, scientists, and the general public. With a view to advancing communication between these stakeholders and increasing fishermen's participation in fisheries science, the FSRS has undertaken a number of initiatives since its inception, including a quarterly newsletter, an annual conference and workshops, and a web site. Promoting communication and education also includes supporting initiatives such as the Oceans 11 Program, which is educating the future stakeholders of this industry, the future scientists and fishermen.

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:

School	Student	
Advocate District School	Meggie	Spicer
Amherst Regional High School	Margaret	Skabar
Auburn Drive High School	Amanda	Cross
	Amber	Grosse
	Laura	Kennedy
	Elizabeth	Lewis
	Laura	Smith
Avon View High School	Lindsay	Boutilier
Barrington Municipal High School	Delana	Burke
	Robin	D'Eon
Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School	Samantha	Fraser
Cabot Senior High School	Michael	Le Friend
Central Kings Rural High School	Jessica	Acker
Chignecto Central Adult High School	Karen	Cameron
Cobequid Educational Centre	Savannah	Barclay
	Lidea	Cloutier
	Michelle	Lamothe
	Kendra	MacDonald
	Victoria	Maxwell
	Louisa	Munro
	Shakara	Paris
	Ryan	Pedersen
	Nathan	Rendell
	Glenda	Weaver
Emily	Webb	
Cole Harbour District High School	Matt	Albrecht
	Kirsten	Brady
	Randy	Caldwell
	Bekkie	Cane

	Karen	Doubleday
	Stephanie	Sanderson
Digby Adult High School	June	Swift
Drumlin Heights Consolidated School	Rachelle	McLean
Ecole Secondaire de Par-en-Bas	Derek Donald	Boudreau
Glace Bay High School	Kendra	Wilcox
	Josh	Gallagher
	Raylyn	Routledge
	Olivia	Colosimo
	Brett	Littler
Guysborough Academy	Tynneil	Richard
Holy Angels High School	Jay	MacIsaac
	Mary Ellen	Tobin
J.L. Ilsley High School	Anthea	Gick
Lockeport Regional High School	Charlotte	Scott
Middleton Regional High School	Kaitlyn	Hyrtle
	Nick	Smith
	Heidi	Therriault
	Nicole	Thibeault
North Colchester High School	Joel	Joudrie
North Nova Education Centre	Chelsea	Cameron
	Melanie	Greening
	Elizabeth	MacIsaac
	Cassie	Muirhead
Oxford Regional Education Centre	Lucas	Roberts
Park View Education Centre	Joel	Naugler
Prince Andrew High School	Sarah	Irving
Riverview Rural High School	Chelsea	Crouse
	Tessa	Howatson
	Raelynn	Mechelse
	Olivia	Mersereau
Saint Mary's Bay Academy	Jordan	Gavel
South Colchester Academy	Kelsi	Barr
	Emily	Crouse
	Lynaya	Lorette
	Emily	Nielson
Springhill Jr/Sr High	Kirsten	Gogan
St. Mary's Academy	Jessica	Stevens
Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School	Westin	Cook
	Katey	Gray
	Braden	Mercier



Recipients of the FSRS Outstanding Achievement Award in the Oceans 11 Program who attended the Award Ceremony at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography on Oceans Day along with the FSRS President, John Levy (back row, third from the left).

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