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

Sixty-three students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the eighth annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. Twenty of these students received their awards at a ceremony held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, on Oceans Day. 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 386 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:

Advocate District School	Cindy Fletcher	
Auburn Drive High School	Tasha MacDonald	James White
Avon View High School	Adam S. Noade	
Bridgewater Junior Senior High School	Stephanie Bateman	
Cabot Jr./Sr. High School	Ricky Buchanan	
Canso Academy	Candace Haines	
Chignecto-Central Adult High School	Richard Martin	
Citadel High School	Christine Campbell	Peter Dietrich
	Maria Saikali	Laura Wright
Cobequid Education Center	Joshua Adams	Caitlin Congdon
	Travis Flewelling	Tessa McLaughlin
	Nadine Samson	Matthew Toole
	Joseph Trevors	
Cole Harbour District High School	Brandon Austin	Nick Barkhouse
	Kelsey Cuvelier	Chantall Langhorn
	Nick Leadbetter	Emily MacPhail
	Emily Robinson	Mitchell Robinson
Dartmouth High School	Shayne Anthony Jewers	Emily Young-Cantwell
Digby Regional High School	Jenna Cromwell	Samantha Lewis
	Jonnie White	
East Antigonish Academy	Katrina Nevin	
Forest Heights Community School	Jessica Jones	
Glace Bay High	Johnathan Dedrick	Adam Jamieson
	Steven MacIntosh	Conor MacLeod
	Chelsea Moore	Daniel Oldford

Halifax West High School	Brittany Findlay	
Highbury Education Centre	Nicole Hawley	
Memorial High School	Nolan Capstick	Meggan Howatson
	Stephen Leblanc	Santanya MacKinnon
	Randy White	
Middleton Regional High School	Myles Cloutier	Evanya Coleman
Middleton Regional High School	Paul Khemapukpong	Amy Spurr
North Nova Education Centre	Kirsten Campbell	James Dean
	Brandon MacDonald	Matt Sauders
	Sara Swallow	
Riverview Rural High	Athea Costello	Tyson Hill
	Jessica MacDonald	Stephen Nash
Sackville High School	Alysha Wellon	
South Colchester Academy	Lindsay Flynn	
Strait Area Education Recreation Center	Johnathan Norman	
	Stockley	

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