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

28 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: Annapolis West Education Centre - Eric Fillmore, Breton Education Center - Amanda Devison, Central Kings Rural High School - Marcy Manning, Charles P. Allen High School - Laura Walden, Cobequid Educational Centre - Chris Currie, Dalbrae Academy - Kirsten Campbell, East Antigonish Academy - Ashley Sampson, East Pictou Rural High School - Janice Rudderham, Glace Bay High School - Christina Rose Osborne, Holy Angels High School - Shelly Fuller, J.L. Ilsley High School - Leslie Redden, Liverpool Regional High School -

Crystal Hatfield, Lockeport Regional High School - Ryan Enslow, Lunenburg Jr. Sr. High - Crystal Parks, North Colchester High School - Ashley Anne Ross, Pugwash District High School - Joseph Pal, River Hebert District High - Amanda Collins, Riverview Rural High School - Joseph Magee, Sackville High School - Trevor Kelly, Ste. Anne-du- Ruisseau - Simon LeBlanc, St. Patrick's High School - Craig Arthur, South Colchester High School - Christina Turpin, Stellarton Middle High School - Serena Hessian, Strait Area Education Recreation Centre - Laura MacKeigan, Sydney Academy - Melissa Kearney, Trenton High School - Vanessa Ellis, Windsor Regional High School - Ian King, Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School - Vanessa Saulnier.

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