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

46 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 to be a member 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 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 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 - Laura Smith; Annapolis West Education Centre - Lauren Wyman; Auburn Drive High - Meghan Lawlor; Auburn Drive High - Matt Manning; Auburn Drive High - Edward Turner; Central Kings Rural High School - Laura Ueffing; Cobequid Educational Centre - Samuel Searle; Cobequid Educational Centre - Candace Weatherby; Cobequid Educational Centre - Jessica Wier; Cole Harbour District High School - Jaret Darrell; Cole Harbour District High School - Ronnie Lunn; Digby Regional High School - Justin Daley; Drumlin Heights Consolidated School - Jody Melissa Malone; Glace Bay High School - Jenna Gillis; Glace Bay High School - Georgina MacNeil; Glace Bay High School - Shawn Matheson; Glace Bay High School - Merika Poirier; Guysborough Academy - Clarence Kelly; Hants West Rural High School - Katie Church; Holy Angels High School - Kathlene O'Handley; Islands Consolidated - Ashley Leeman; Liverpool Regional High School - Laurel Conrad; Lockport Regional High School - Jillian Roache; Lockview High School - Jonathan James Fulton; Lockview High School - Liberty MacDougall; Lockview High School - Caitlin Rutherford; MacDonald Complex - Derek Poirier; Memorial Composite High

School - Daniel Devoe; NDA School - Celine Larade; New Glasgow High School - Katie Aikens; North Queens Rural High - Nick Whynot; Park View Education Center - Gustin Herman; Pugwash District High School - Dawn LeBlanc-Wilson; Queen Elizabeth High - Matthew Mercer; Queens Adult High School - John Hanson; River Hebert District High - Bethany Noeg; Riverview Rural High School - Mark Keating; Sackville High School - Sean Briggs; Sir John A. MacDonald High - Shawna Eason; South Colchester High School - Amelia Cox; South Colchester High School - Adam Connors; St. Mary's Academy - Patricia Hudson; St. Patrick's High School - Lyle Douglas Howe; Stellarton Middle High School - Mike Snell; West Kings District High School - Lucas Thorne- Humphrey; Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School - Ashley Bishara.

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