

## **BURNABY SCHOOLS 2014/15 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

### **ALPHA SECONDARY - SALINA KUNG**

Salina Kung is a student that is driven to excellence and has a superlative work ethic.

During her time at École Alpha Secondary, Salina showed a passionate commitment to making a difference in the world - from grade 9, when she was awarded Canada's Next Green Journalist award for an article about declining salmon populations to creating Vancouver's Largest Clothing Swap in 2014.

Always passionate about the environment, Salina co-founded the Lower Mainland Youth Sustainability Network and was the President of the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network where she was a driving force behind the District's organic waste program. In 2015 she was recognized by the City of Burnaby with a Youth Environmental Award for her significant contribution to sustainability.

Only 50 Schulich leader scholarships are awarded annually in Canada, and Salina was on the list for 2015. She also received a major award to SFU where she is currently a student

**BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY - BRYAN HONG**

Bryan Hong excelled at Burnaby Mountain with a high academic average and extensive school involvement.

In grades 11-12 he took 21 courses. In his top 13 courses he achieved an average of 99%. He was an AP Scholar with Distinction, a District Math All-Star award recipient, a two-time Mountain Math student of the year recipient, and a member of both the Math and Physics Clubs. He also spent some time encouraging other students, tutoring in a wide range of subject areas and

**BURNABY SOUTH SECONDARY – SOPHIE WHITICAR**

Sophie Whitar is a well-rounded young woman who completed her last two years at Burnaby South with a 98% average.

She first joined We Council in grade 8 and took over the reins as co-chair in grade 12. She was a member of the Business Club and took part in Junior Achievement and BCIT's Case competition. She also excelled athletically as a participant of the ski and snowboard club and is a talented dragon boater.

Her AP English teacher, Mr. Vanjoff describes her best:

Sophie was always engaged in class, always careful to model that class content and

**CARIBOO HILL SECONDARY – SIMRAN SAWRARA**

Simran Sawara was an exemplary student and committed leader of the Cariboo Hill School Community.

A rigorous course of study and outstanding grade point average demonstrate Tw 1.228 0 ratc0E5.7(r