

Award winner is a 'ray' of hope

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If youth represent promise for a better world, then LaShawn Murray is a 'ray' of hope.

Murray, 16, is this year's recipient of the Recognition Award for Youth (RAY Award).

The Halton Multicultural Council presented the award on Dec. 11, coinciding with International Human Rights Day. This year commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Murray is in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Robert Bateman High School, an opportunity for academically-gifted students to take university-level courses in high school.

"She's a really dedicated individual who likes to do things both locally and internationally to help the literacy development and economic betterment of children all over the world. So she's kind of remarkable and such a modest, happy and well-rounded individual," Bateman vice-principal Nigel Scott said of Murray, who has a 90 per cent overall average.

She has worked with Youth in Action, the Invisible Children Foundation, Reading for the Fun of It and the Africentric Summer Program.

The RAY Award honours a youth in Halton who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, commitment to social justice and action. The award honours the work of the late Ray Hendry, a sergeant with Halton police who also served as vice-president of the Halton Multicultural Council's board of directors.

The council is dedicated to enabling every individual, regardless of race or ethnic origin, to participate as full and active members of the community through fostering mutual respect and understanding of one another.



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LaShawn Murray, a Robert Bateman High School student, was the proud winner of the Recognition Award for Youth (RAY Award) from the Halton Multicultural Council.

2008 - LaShawn Murray was awarded Halton Multicultural Council's Recognition Award for Youth Award (R.A.Y.). It coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on International Human Rights Day.

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