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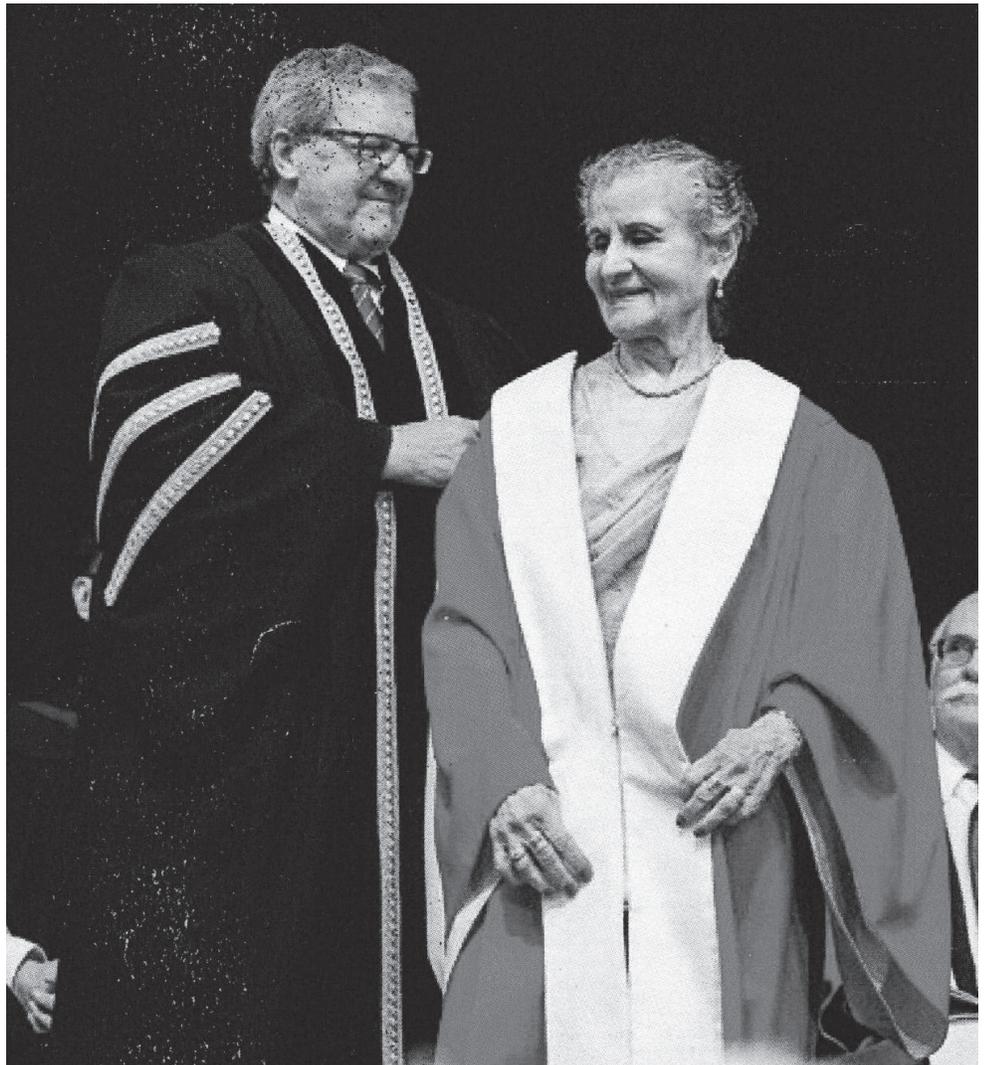
Ajit Kaur Deol (O.M)

Celebrating an Amazing Volunteer & A Long Serving Member of S.O.E.F

Ajit Kaur Deol has served as a dedicated volunteer with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation since the first elected board in June, 2002. In fact, she has been committed to volunteerism her entire life. She has a strong connection to the Seven Oaks School Division as you will discover when you learn of her many accomplishments.

Ajit and her husband arrived in Canada from India during Canada's centennial year, 1967. She began teaching in Marathon, Ontario then went on to further her education, which already included three bachelor degrees and a masters degree from Universities in India. She taught school, attended University of Toronto and received an Honours Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts, was mother to three young daughters and volunteered for several organizations all while living in Ontario.

In 1975 the family arrived in Manitoba after purchasing a dairy and grain farm just east of Beausejour. She suddenly became a farmer alongside her husband but also continued teaching at Edward Schreyer School in Beausejour. The first association she joined was the Beausejour Lioness Club where she served as president from 1982-83. The family began to attend the Sikh Gurudwara in Winnipeg. She served as director of the Singh Sabha and became the first woman in North America and only woman in Manitoba to serve as president of the



Sikh Gurudwara, Singh Sabha in 1986.

When she first began to teach in Manitoba she was the only teacher of Indian descent and so she was called upon by multicultural MLA, Maureen Hemphill, to be of assistance to new Canadians. She became known to

school division superintendents and trustees as someone who could help new families in various communities in and around Winnipeg. In fact, she visited high schools to see how senior high students were adjusting to academic and social programs in their respective schools. The University of



- 2002- Queen’s Jubilee Medal
- 2002- Outstanding Community Service Award, “Manitoba FRIENDS Org.”
- 2003- Distinguished Community Service Award – National Indo Canadian Council
- 2013- Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Pin

Ajit has a rare accomplishment with which to regale her family and friends; her meetings with Queen Elizabeth. She has met the Queen on four occasions. The first time she was a young woman in India and was invited to have dinner with the Queen. The other three meetings were here in Canada.

Her most distinct honour came in 2013, when she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Winnipeg at their spring convocation. She was a most fitting recipient having devoted so much of her life to education, multiculturalism, and social justice issues. She is a proud Canadian citizen, who through her faith and conviction has supported her community, here in Manitoba and throughout the country.

Ajit is most proud of her family. Her three daughters, Pamela, Monika and Minny, all accomplished young women with families, have followed in their mother’s footsteps, volunteering and taking leadership roles in their communities. Ajit has eight grandchildren who are equally talented and eager to learn and follow the example of service from their Naneeji (grandmother). They are actively involved in school events, cultural activities, and make their Naneeji and parents proud every day.

In keeping with her commitment to her educational community she has devoted her energies these past eleven years to helping many graduating students of Seven Oaks School Division realize their dreams of attending post secondary programs. Her contribution to the Seven Oaks Education Foundation and Seven Oaks School Division is immeasurable.

Manitoba invited her to be a liaison for Bachelor of Education students, a resource to those students who would eventually be looking for teaching jobs in the province.

Sadly, Ajit’s husband passed away suddenly while visiting his mother in India. After the family returned from the funeral in India, Ajit was approached by John Wiens, assistant superintendent for Seven Oaks School Division, to take a position as a resource teacher at Maples Collegiate. He knew she would be an invaluable asset to the collegiate, working with new students arriving almost daily from countries around the world. Ever the risk taker, and always one to embrace change, she sold the farm and she and her daughters moved to Winnipeg to begin another adventure.

Women’s issues were emerging in the 70’s and 80’s so Ajit became involved in several women’s committees looking for equality in education. She was the first president of “Women in Education” from 1982-86. She also served on the “Women in Education

Committee” for the Prairie Provinces. She was a member of the Canadian Multicultural Council from 1985-87. The list of committees she embraced is long and impressive. She was also given appointments as director for several Boards including the Macauliffe Institute of Sikh Studies, Winnipeg Boys’ and Girls’ Club, United Nations Platform for Action Committee (Manitoba Global Outreach), Seven Oaks General Hospital Foundation and University of Winnipeg Women’s Club.

Over the years Ajit has been the recipient of many awards. In Canada she has been recognized by the following organizations:

- 1988- Outstanding Community Service Award – Macauliffe Institute of Sikh Studies
- 1988-Recognition of Service – City of Winnipeg for work with Community and Race Relations Committee
- 1997- Community Service Award 100th Anniversary of Sikhs in Canada
- 2002- Order of Manitoba (O.M.)

Scholarships 2014

A quick look at this years' scholarship recipients – scholarships made possible through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, the Seven Oaks School Division and Community members and organizations.

GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship	Alexis Furber - \$500
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship	Regina Olazo - \$500
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Ashley Stoyko - \$250
Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship	Kristina Kaltenback - \$200
Greg Zazulak Memorial Scholarship	Erica Lischynski - \$200
S.O.S.B. Scholarship –	
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Michelle Gaza - \$300
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship	Angeli De Leon - \$250
Graham Murray Memorial Scholarship	Austi Deleske - \$250
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Mathews - \$250
John Trevenen Memorial Award	Meghan Sadowy - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Cairo Humphries - \$500
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award.....	Marco Ayroso - \$500
Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship	TKennedy McConnell - \$500
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship.....	Terilyn Woloshyn - \$750
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E.Wright Memorial Award.....	Kara Aiello - \$250
R.D. Bell Memorial Award/Maltz Family Award	Marcille Pasa - \$250
Robert Jolly Memorial Award	Carleena Cavallo - \$250
SOEF/SOSD Scholarships	\$6,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION AWARDS

Seven Oaks Education Foundation	
Creative Arts Scholarship	Ari Schwartz - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation	
Technology Scholarship	Eric Peterson - \$500
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship Fund (award to rotate annually:	
2014 GCC, 2015 Maples, 2016 WK)	Christina Dolloff - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Marcy Everett - \$400
Total Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarships	\$1,900

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS - FUNDED THROUGH SOEF

Bridge Builders Award	Ms Anmol Jammu - \$500
Garden City Collegiate 50th Anniversary	
Reunion Scholarship - for excellence in the sciences	Nolan De Leon - \$1,500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Mia Bernasconi - \$500
David Allen memorial Sholcarship	Emil Maynard - \$500
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	
(2014 WKC, 2015 GCC, 2016 Maples)	Nicholas Shymanski - \$500
Miriam Maltz Prize in English	Orie Hochman - \$200
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Caitlyn Gowriluk - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Yuliya Shevchuk - \$500
number TEN Architectural Group –	
5 year commitment commencing 2010 WKC, 2011 GCC,	
2012 Maples, 2013 WKC and 2014 GCC.	James Degurse - \$1,000
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward	Kennedy Jamieson - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award,	
City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Katrina Berba - \$300
Susan Popeski Memorial Scholarship	Lindsay Reinhardt - \$500
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship.....	Megan Gornik - \$500
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship	Jarrod Vincent - \$300
Canadiam CED Network Scholarship.....	Megan Rodriguez - \$500
Platinum Jets Scholarship.....	Michael Corrigan - \$1,000
Total	\$9,300

TOTAL 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS - SOEF **\$17,200**

We all have a steak in the future of education.

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FEBRUARY 6, 2015.

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MAPLES COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

a) Vocational	John Daniel Cruz - \$150
b) Faculty of Education	Frances Garcia - \$300
c) Faculty of Arts/Science (2 scholarships to be awarded)	Khamille Gatpandan - \$300 Katelyn Garcia - \$300
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program)	Rita Costa - \$300
Vince Leah/ Maples Letterman Sports Award	Matt Dunning - \$300
Ken Seaford Award	Hanz Alignay - \$300
Jake Yakmission/O. V. Jewitt Scholarships (2 scholarships to be awarded)	Patricia Uy - \$250 Macy Restar - \$250
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship	Fatima Deuna - \$350
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award (4 awards).....	Irene de Lemos - \$250 Nancy Gomes - \$250 Lundyn Gonzales - \$250 Lyka Sal-long - \$250
Seven Oaks School Board Bursaries.....	Hanz Alignay - \$400 Davinder Bambra - \$400 Vera Mangubat - \$400
Total SOEF/SOSD Grant	\$5,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

a) Campus Life/ Future Paths	Erin Speer - \$250 Franchesca Palacol - \$250
b) Creativity in the Arts.....	Nancy Gomes - \$500
c) Technical Trades	Casey Hildebrand - \$500
Ric Dela Cruz Memorial Scholarship (award to rotate annually: 2014 Maples, 2015 WKC, 2016 GCC)	Cole Peters - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Brandon Williams - \$400
Total Seven Oaks Foundation Scholarships.....	\$2,400

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship (2013 WKCI, 2014 Maples and 2015 GCC and rotate there after each year)	Navjot Kaur - \$400
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Wandaly Gonzales - \$500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship	Samantha Macaulay - \$500 Marc Rosales - \$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Kiefer Co - \$500
Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship	Melanie Medina - \$400
Mohinder Saran, MLA for Maples	Claire Pineda - \$300
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Patricia Figueroa - \$300
Bridge Builders Award	Ms Navjot Kaur - \$500
Platinum Jets Scholarship.....	Jea Besana - \$1,000
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Jan Basanes - \$500 Roi Mendoza - \$500
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Nicholas Sosulski - \$750 Lundyn Gonzales - \$750
Maricel Lisan Memorial Scholarship.....	Wandaly Gonzales - \$1,000
Daylan Damianakos-Marshall Award.....	Kayelyn Bigornia - \$500
Walter Janzen Memorial Award (Fund balance of \$780 available to award)	Manpreet Dadiala - \$400
Total Other Scholarships.....	\$9,300
Total 2014 Scholarships	\$16,700

Visit 7oakseducation.org for
more information on how to donate or
to make an online contribution.

The Foundation provides tax receipts
for donations of \$10 or more.



WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

James C. Anderson Award	Sara Ziegler - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Jesse Ward - \$400
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Danielle Dolyniuk - \$300
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship.....	Alyssa Boniello - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship	Leeza Oravec - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship.....	Vanessa Mazurek - \$300
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award.....	Kara Sachvie - \$300
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship.....	Darian Sharma - \$300
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Sean Haligowski - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Carissa Lee - \$400
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Sean Haligowski - \$400
Guy De Caire Scholarship.....	Katherine Rostek - \$300
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English.....	Lisa Cheyne - \$300
Arthur E. Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts.....	Darian Sharma - \$250
Vince Leah Sports Award	Kimberly Mulatu - \$300
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award.....	Alex Apperley - \$250
Total SOEF/SOSD Grant	\$5,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship.....	Ian Ingram - \$500
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship.....	Rajin Dhaliwal - \$500
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship	Kenette Trinidad - \$500
Early Years Education Scholarship (award to rotate annually 2014 WK, 2015 Maples, 2016 GCC etc).....	Leeza Oravec - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Madison Neapew - \$400
Total	\$2,400

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS - FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

Toby Cracknell Award (Rotation: 2013 Maples; 2014 WKC, 2015 GCC)	Jarrett Golebioski - \$500
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #1	Filip Szymanski - \$650
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #2	Nicole Gomes - \$650
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Destiny Oliveira - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Kayla Bobrowski - \$500
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship (2014 WKC, 2015 GCC, 2016 Maples)	Lailah Omer - \$500
In June 2014 (only), two scholarships will be awarded.....	David Penner - \$500
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward.....	Richard Harder - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Kimberly Mulatu - \$300
R.M. OF West St. Paul Scholarship	Kara Sachvie - \$300
In June 2014 (only), two scholarships will be awarded.....	Cortni Seier - \$300
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (Platinum Jets)	Sara Ziegler - \$1,000
Total Other Scholarships - funded through SOEF:	\$6,200

Total 2014 Scholarships **\$13,600**

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

Pow Wow Scholarships Garden City Collegiate.....	Jocelyn Smith - \$400 Marcy Everett - \$400
Maples Collegiate	Brandon Williams - \$400
West Kildonan Collegiate.....	Madison Neapew - \$400
ALC	Jacqueline Morissette - \$200 Amanda Lamirande - \$200
Total	\$1,600

