

## **2013 Surrey Board of Trade Top 25 under 25 Award Winners**

### **1. Saurabh Bangar – 18 years old**

SOAR Philanthropic Society is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on generating more successful leaders in the community by motivating youth. Saurabh Bangar, CEO and co-founder, works with ten other members to fundraise and grant scholarships to young leaders who graduate from secondary schools in Surrey for their positive impact on the community.

### **2. Manpreet Dhillon – 24 years old**

As the Director of HR at Enactus SFU, Manpreet has done public speaking at small and large scale skill-building workshops and conferences to enhance member development within the organization. She has engaged students into partaking in fundraising events for Ovarian Cancer Canada and supported social initiatives such as Dalit Freedom Network. Manpreet has also co-founded Progressing the Impact of Non-profits, creating interest and opportunities for social entrepreneurship while making a sustainable impact in the local community.

### **3. David Dryden – 25 years old**

Demonstrating outstanding enthusiasm, dedication, community spirit, and ability to function in a professional environment: David Dryden is one of the only four community members to be elected as a Chair in the Coast Capital Savings Young Leaders Community Council. He has done extensive volunteer work, including: producing a coat drive and bake sale raising funds for the Surrey and Langley Boys-and-Girls Club and being an active member of the Kwantlen Student Leadership Conference Planning Committee.

### **4. Michael Dyatchenko – 20 years old**

Michael is the program manager at Axis Consulting, a program that provides consulting services to organizations that positively impact the community, such as not-for-profits and social enterprises. Michael is a leader who has mobilized teams of students to take part in his social enterprises and programs created to address the needs of the community.

### **5. Ka-Yin (Kay) Fung – 25 years old**

Kay is a volunteer at NightShift Street Ministries' Care Bus Project as a Registered Nurse. Together with NightShift Street Ministries, she works to provide poor, vulnerable and under-resourced people with aid, whether it be providing meals, clothes, personal care kits or medical care. Some of her achievements include being a Rick Hansen 'Man in Motion' Relay Medal Bearer for being committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

#### **6. Madhav Goyal – 20 years old**

Madhav is one of the Project Leads of TEDxSFU 2013, a conference that aims to inspire and empower the public with the ideas that are discussed. Madhav is committed to making this conference a success and as a result, he has been accepted to attend the prestigious TEDActive 2014 conference in Whistler. He is also working on starting a social venture in Surrey named Optima Institute, which aims to provide senior high school students with opportunities to expand their technical and entrepreneurial knowledge.

#### **7. Anam Hameed – 23 years old**

Anam is a leader in her community who is involved with many local events. She has volunteered for the City's Community Summit, Party for the Planet, and many SFU events. She has also played a major role in developing a non-profit organization, BAGS (Better Alternatives for Girl's Survival), which develops and designs bags that are manufactured by women in India who would otherwise go without support.

#### **8. Alina Huang – 17 years old**

Alina is president of the business club at Semiahmoo Secondary School. Along with her club, she has won first and third place from the Simon Fraser University Beedie awards for social entrepreneurship. One of her most remarkable experiences was holding the ECO-INNOVATIONS fashion show at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, which supported artistic abilities of young students while supporting sustainability.

#### **9. Marco Iannuzzi – 25 years old**

While he plays professionally for the BC Lions, Marco is also an experienced and well-rounded businessman in the community. Marco has worked in many different industries, from cooking to security, real estate to management, and many more. Currently, he involves himself with the community by passing his leadership skills on to youth through his public speaking at colleges and through programs such as Energy Champions. He is passionate in developing his community, involving himself in many community and charity events across BC, including Make a Wish, Special Olympics, Paralympics, Peace Arch Hospital, and many more.

#### **10. Jethro Kambere – 23 years old**

Jethro is active in providing youth with volunteer opportunities, leadership programs, weekend conferences and youth exchanges. He has worked with many organizations such as the Tong Louie Family YMCA, DiverseCity, the Umoja African Compassion Society, and the Interact Service Club partnered with Rotary to support and foster leadership in young individuals. He has engaged youth from the Surrey community to contribute a combined total of more than 1000 hours of volunteering at events in the local community and over 200 youth in annual leadership programs.

**11. Hangu Kim – 18 years old**

As the owner of Questus Global Imports, Hangu worked all day and night, making numerous calls to business contacts in retail, overseas manufacturers and distributors to get his business started. He was successful in developing a relationship and creating contracts between manufacturers and distributors and is in full operation of his business. While he operates his business, he is also part of many athletic teams at school and in the community.

**12. Angel Lee – 16 years old**

Angel is an organizer for various youth organizations. She has started the Surrey Beautification Arts Project in collaboration with her friends John and Stephanie. She is also a student ambassador of White Rock and Surrey Kids Help Phone. As a result of her fundraising events, she raised over \$1,500 towards Kids Help Phone. She is an individual that works for and is always brainstorming ways to improve her community.

**13. Chin Han John Lee – 17 years old**

Inspired by a TED Talks video he watched in class, John created the "2013 is my year to..." community chalkboard, which was intended to beautify the City of Surrey in an artistic way. In addition to the beautification project, John started a blog called Yes-Youth-Can which features interviews with individuals in different professions to assist students with deciding on future career choices to pursue post-secondary studies.

**14. Aaron Li – 16 years old**

Aaron is the CEO and founder of the student-run company Shirts Reborn, focusing on providing custom t-shirts to schools, clubs, events and individuals at a high quality yet affordable price. Shirts Reborn employs over 25 student employees, providing business opportunity and experience to high school students in the lower mainland. Aaron is also active in providing students with opportunities and business knowledge at his school.

**15. Gurinder (Gary) Mahesh – 22 years old**

Graduating with honors from Hilltop Academy with a diploma in Fitness Leaders, Gary Mahesh strives to improve the health and awareness of his community. He is currently a member of Team Diabetes Canada and volunteers for Hockey Heroes, helping kids with disadvantages play hockey with positive support from camp instructors. Gary currently runs Mahesh Fitness & Athletics offering complementary training advice and contest preparation for individuals participating in charitable fitness events.

**16. Rohith Manhas – 21 years old**

Rohith is an involved student at SFU Surrey, playing executive roles in various student initiatives. He co-founded the 2012 Beedie Summer Olympics event at SFU, raising \$2000 towards Right to Play, a not-for-profit aiming to improve access for the less fortunate to sporting equipment. He mentors 20+ students each year as an Orientation Leader and as VP of External Relations at the SFU International Business Association. Rohith stays committed to these initiatives while balancing a full time role as an Internal Auditor at Westport Innovations.

**17. Livleen Pannu – 18 years old**

Starting volunteer services at the age of 12 with BC Children's Hospital, Livleen has started many initiatives to raise awareness about issues in the local and international community. She and three friends started Youth Transforming Society, which included organizing bottle drives to raise money for international causes. She has also created a program named 'I Am', which addresses issues girls face throughout their elementary and high school careers. The program 'I Am' has been recognized throughout the school district and is now expanded to 6 other elementary schools in Surrey.

**18. Alice Park – 25 years old**

Living in Surrey and completing her BBA at the Beedie School of Business, Alice Park, like many other students commuting over the Port Mann Bridge to school, experienced many problems commuting. Relating to that experience during a social entrepreneurship course, she co-founded GO2GETHER, a real-time ride-sharing web application that allows SFU students to find people going the same way.

**19. Erina Park – 16 years old**

Erina is the co-founder of the campaign "Can You Contain It?", targeting the reduction of single-use disposables for takeout food, reducing the carbon footprint restaurants had by replacing them with reusable containers. While pursuing her studies, she has been working avidly in Surrey to promote her project, negotiating with businesses and restaurants on how they can aid her. Erina is involved at her school where she is the president of the Environment club, chapter president of Best Buddies, and an active participant of the leadership program.

**20. Sukhmeet Singh Sachal – 18 years old**

Sukhmeet is the president and founder of Students Without Borders, an organization aiming to make an impact in the global community and provide volunteer opportunities for students. Through Students Without Borders, he successfully brought together a community of students to work towards a greater cause. Some of the projects that were completed are raising money to build a well in Kenya, and distributing food to the homeless in downtown eastside of Vancouver on Christmas.

**21. Navjot (Navi) Sandhu – 25 years old**

Navjot is currently the Vice-President of AVS Windows and Doors Ltd. He is also the founder and owner of Tiger Pacific Ltd., a development company focused on residential development projects around Metro Vancouver. He has currently developed 3 homes and contributed to the construction of 2 condominium and town home buildings in the past two and a half years. He also makes contributions to local foundations, such as the Surrey Memorial Hospital and B.C. Children's Hospital annually.

**22. Kamal Sekhon – 24 years old**

Kamal is the co-founder of Ambitious Undergraduates Raising Awareness Together, a student-run organization created to address and raise funds for under-recognized issues affecting the local community. During its first year, the organization raised a total of \$11,000 for the BC Cancer Foundation. She also volunteers for many healthcare initiatives, as she is intending to pursue a career in the medical field.

**23. Shiyin (Stephanie) Song – 18 years old**

Stephanie is a youth who is actively involved in the community. As Chair of the Youth Arts Council of Surrey, the Art Council's Spotlight Magazine has recognized her for her significant contributions to the council. She is also involved with the Surrey Leadership Youth Council, holding events such as Fear Factor, YouthFest and hosting various local, provincial, and international conferences on city planning.

**24. Spencer Toth – 21 years old**

Spencer is the Director of Community Engagement at Enactus SFU. As director, he has helped establish the organization as one of the top Enactus teams on social media. He has also helped found Epicentr, Metro Vancouver's first student-run social media agency. In 2011, Spencer was the co-project manager of SFU Balding for Dollars, which as of 2013, has raised over \$100,000 dollars in total towards the BC Children's Hospital. Spencer has been nominated for SFU Beedie School of Business' Dean's Student Service Award, and has received a certificate of recognition from Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson after participating as a student at CityStudio.

**25. Akashdeep Villing – 25 years old**

**– Akashdeep couldn't be here tonight, but fellow winner Kamal Sekhon is accepting on his behalf.**

Akashdeep has always played an active role in the community. As an undergraduate student, he volunteered for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, promoting healthy living in Surrey and Delta. As a dental student at UBC, he participated in UBC-run health initiatives in Surrey and Delta. He also organized an annual dental mission project to provide the aboriginal community of Penalakut Island emergency care and pain management.