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The Air Cadet League of Canada Announces 2016 Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship Award Recipient

OTTAWA, ON (June 19, 2016) - The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) congratulates **Warrant Officer Second Class (WO2) Tristan Dyke** who has been awarded the \$5,000.00 Young Citizens Foundation (YCF) Scholarship.

WO2 Tristan Dyke from 907 Black Knight Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, in Surry, British Columbia, has consistently displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition. He has shown to be an excellent leader, a great team player and a passionate volunteer. He is a talented trumpet player, has obtained his glider pilot license, has competed in the National Cadet Biathlon Championship, and should be receiving his private pilot license this summer. WO2 Dyke will be pursuing post-secondary education in physics, in hopes of one day becoming an astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency.

Gary Bennett, the Young Citizens Foundation President, says “The Young Citizens Foundation is proud to partner with The Air Cadet League of Canada in promoting citizenship among Canada’s youth. It is critically important for our collective future that these young Canadians, who have experienced the benefits of participating in the Air Cadet program, further their formal education so that they may have a better opportunity to take on positions of leadership in our future.”

The mission of the Young Citizens Foundation is to assist young Canadians to grow and mature as committed, knowledgeable and contributing Canadian citizens. The Foundation achieves this objective by encouraging young Canadians to participate in development programs operated by nationally recognized organizations that provide life-learning opportunities for our youth which will significantly influence and benefit their development as committed Canadian citizens.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non-profit community based and volunteer led organization, which in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and our other partners, is dedicated to supporting the objectives of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program, and to developing in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; promoting physical fitness; and stimulating the interest of youth in the aviation and aerospace industry, including the air element of the Canadian Forces.

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