**Report of the WURA Scholarship Committee**

**Spring, 2024**.

The Windsor University Retirees’ Association (WURA) Scholarship was established in the late 1990’s by retired professors, librarians and administrators. Generous founding donations were made by Dean Bill Phillips and Mathematics Professor, Dr. Cormac Smith. This award is our ongoing legacy and commitment to the education of current and future students.

In summer 2023, WURA received notice that the estate of Kathleen Pryke had donated $40,000 for a new scholarship to be established in memory of her husband and son, Drs. Kenneth G. Pryke and Sean P. Pryke. The recipient in the FAHSS will be selected by our Scholarship Committee. We are delighted by this generous donation from the Pryke family. The initial award of $1600.00 will be made by the Fall of 2025/6.

In 2023/24 the Scholarship valued at $1800 was awarded by the WURA Scholarship Committee to each of six deserving undergraduate students in a totally anonymous process. The Award recipients are: Merissa Asrula, Christina Bourgoin, Saleena Farrukh, Aysha Mian, Marko Milovic and Abdul Muhammad. Most of these honorees sent notes of appreciation which are summarized below.

* The WURA award is received with significant gratitude and appreciation, as it will help me to fund my educational and living expenses.
* This award is truly impactful to my education and life.
* This Award has been a great help, allowing me to focus a little less on the financial aspects of achieving my degree, and more on my academic success.
* As someone with a passion for learning which is hindered only by financial constraints, this award is particularly meaningful to me. Help with tuition, textbook purchases, and basic necessities brings peace of mind.
* The award means a lot to me because I am the first in my family to attain post-secondary education; it has eased some of the financial stress that I face in pursuing my goals and has allowed me to focus and excel in my educational achievements.

The Committee would like WURA members and others to know how significant their donations are in maintaining and enhancing these Scholarships for our Windsor students. Our enduring goal is to increase the size and number of these awards.

WURA Scholarship Committee

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