



Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland & Labrador

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HERITAGE FAIR STUDENTS CHOSEN TO VISIT BEAUMONT HAMEL FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

[St. John's, NL, June 15th, 2016] The Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA) is proud to announce that 19 of their Heritage Fair students have been selected to journey on a European tour retracing the steps of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in the First World War, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont-Hamel. Recipients were chosen from across the province at the HSA's Regional Heritage Fairs, based upon on their exceptional projects on a WWI topic. The group will be departing June 27th for this powerful and moving experience, which will provide them with a deeper understanding of this part of Newfoundland and Labrador's history.

Ambassador Award Recipients:

Labrador Regional Heritage Fair: **April Foote** (Age 13, Menihek High School)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Sophia Peckford** (Age 16, Corner Brook Regional High)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Jessica Hulan** (Age 15, St. Michael's Elementary)
Western Regional Heritage Fair: **Logan Ropson** (Age 14, Hampden Academy)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Ashley Granter** (Age 13, Smallwood Academy)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Kaitlyn Beattie** (Age 13, Smallwood Academy)
Central Regional Heritage Fair: **Maddison Barrow** (Age 13, Smallwood Academy)
Vista Regional Heritage Fair: **Danica Dean** (Age 15, Clarenville Middle School)
Vista Regional Heritage Fair: **Tori Kendall** (Age 14, Clarenville Middle School)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Alicia Warford** (Age 14, St. Kevin's Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Amy White** (Age 14, Leary's Brook Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Benjamin Stringer** (Age 15, Holy Spirit High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Claire Donnan** (Age 12, Cowan Heights Elementary)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Cole Deering** (Age 13, Amalgamated Academy)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Mahiba Khan** (Age 14, St. Paul's Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Noah Slaney** (Age 13, Frank Roberts Junior High)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Riley Pennell** (Age 16, Stella Maris Academy)
Avalon Regional Heritage Fair: **Zoë Rowe** (Age 13, Frank Roberts Junior High)
French School District: **Oneisha Fèlix** (Age 15, École Sainte Anne)



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Ambassador Award Program: The Ambassador Award Program is a joint initiative between the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA), the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development (BTCRD), under the Honour 100 Commemorations Program, and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DOE). Piloted in 2015, the Ambassador Award Program is administered through the HSA as a part of their Heritage Fair Program. Students choosing to participate in the program complete projects commemorating the men and women who served in the First World War. Select projects are chosen to advance from school Heritage Fairs to the regional level, where 19 students from Grade 7 to Level III will be recognized for the excellence of their projects. The winning students will have the opportunity to participate in a European battlefield tour, primarily throughout Northern France and Belgium. They will visit significant sites where the Royal Newfoundland Regiment fought and spend time in the five communities that are home to the bronze caribou monuments, the official memorial to the Regiment. Their visit will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel and the students.

Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Fairs: The annual NL school Heritage Fairs are a project of the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HSA). Since bringing the program to the province in 1997, the HSA initiative has involved over 110,000 student projects, 16,000 volunteers and thousands of prizes. Directly linked to school curricula, Heritage Fairs engage students directly in their own culture and heritage, and allow students to showcase their history projects using a variety of mediums. Their topic is presented at school fairs where outstanding projects are selected to attend a regional fair. This year's Heritage Fair theme was *Service and Sacrifice: Shaping our Culture*.

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For more information on the Ambassador Award Program: HistoricSites.ca/AmbassadorAward

For additional questions, high resolution images, or an opportunity to speak with students prior to their departure on June 27th, please contact:

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