

Kyle Mack

Kyle Mack is a teenager who has likely devoted more time to building a better community than most adults. He is also a young man who has been to Washington D.C. and New York City to discuss weighty issues like global warming and weapons of mass destruction.



“Kyle is, in my mind, one of the most outstanding young student leaders and young men that have come out of (Waterloo Collegiate Institute) in a number of years, and probably out of this area. He’s just a fantastic person,” his guidance counselor said once.

Mack, who is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in politics and history at Harvard University, spent his teen years in Waterloo volunteering for many agencies including the Canadian Cancer Society, the Waterloo youth advisory council, Canadian Blood Services and youth basketball programs.

After helping organize WCI’s Relay for Life, Mack said, “To know you are putting on an event that is potentially helping people overcome cancer is pretty special, and the feeling that comes from that is powerful.”

While at WCI, Mack was on the student council, serving one year as co-president. He also lent his voice and perspective to the Waterloo Region District School Board as a student trustee during the 2005-06 school year.

Despite all of his involvement with politics and volunteerism, he also found time to lead his high school basketball and volleyball teams to All-Ontario Championships, while attaining a ninety-six percent average in his studies.

Last summer, Mack got a rare opportunity to learn from some of the leading policy makers in North America at the Global Young Leaders Conference. The twelve-day conference came with a hefty \$2,500 registration fee that was paid for by a Kitchener company, Corporate Benefit Analysts.

He also received a 2006 Canada Millennium Scholarship for \$5,000 to help him pay for his studies and was chosen as one of Waterloo Region’s top students.

Mack, who joined the Liberal party last summer before going to Harvard, said he wants to make policy. “I don’t have to be in the spotlight. I just want to be working to increase the standard of living.”

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