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Two Students Achieve Highest OAC Averages Across the Toronto Catholic District School Board

Two students, Kristoffer Moraleja from James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary School and Simon Fung from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, have achieved 98.67 per cent, the highest average of all Ontario Academic Credit (OAC) graduating students within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for the 2001-2002 academic year. The Board will recognize Mr. Moraleja and Mr. Fung with Student Achievement Awards this fall.

Simon Fung earned 100 per cent in Algebra and Geometry, and in Calculus, 99 in Chemistry, 98 in both Physics and Science in Society, and 97 in Biology. These top marks earned him a 2002 Millennium Scholarship, a Canadian Merit Scholarship and The Queen's University Chancellor's Scholarship. Mr. Fung will be attending Queen's University and doing a dual degree in Mechanical Engineering and Humanities.

In addition to his academic achievements, Simon Fung was first violinist with his school Senior Strings, the Toronto Youth String Orchestra, Toronto Chinese Youth Orchestra and the Lakirovich String Ensemble. His volunteer work includes the creation of a vibrant mural environment in Scarborough Grace Hospital's Paediatric Unit and research at the Cardiac Surgery and Vascular Biology Research Laboratories at St. Michael's Hospital.

Kristoffer Moraleja earned 99 per cent in English, Algebra and Geometry, Calculus, Finite Mathematics and 98 in Biology and Physics. In addition to his studies, Mr. Moraleja was his student council vice-president, science club president and editor of the school newspaper. His is an active volunteer with numerous fundraising and community initiatives, including upcoming service with St. John Ambulance as a First Aider for World Youth Day 2002.

Originally from the Philippines, Kristoffer Moraleja came to Canada five years ago and has excelled in his studies since joining James Cardinal McGuigan. He has received a President's Scholarship from the University of York where he will study Biology in the Fall.

Among the top four students for the TCDSB were Emma Hicks from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts in North York and Gillian Pais from Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School in Scarborough, who both graduated with a 97.67 per cent average. The third highest average was awarded to Karina Rodrigues from Msgr. Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School in Etobicoke, who finished her OAC year with a 97.5 per cent average. She was followed closely by Mark D'Souza from St. Michael Choir School in Toronto and Paul Jaroszko from Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School in Scarborough, whose final year average was 97.33 per cent.

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