

## Board announces its Top Ontario Scholars for 2015-16

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's top Ontario Scholars for the 2015-16 school year are George Eisa from St. Marcellinus Secondary School and Daniel Sequeira from St. Francis Xavier Secondary School, who both scored identical near perfect averages of 99.33 per cent.

Eisa will attend the University of Waterloo in the fall, where he has enrolled in the software engineering program. Sequeira will attend Western University, where he is enrolled in the medical sciences program.

The board's top Ontario Scholar from a Brampton school is Nicholas Bianco from Cardinal Leger Secondary School with an average of 98.5 per cent. He will be taking a double major in business at Wilfred Laurier University and computer sciences at the University of Waterloo.

Luke Seewald from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School is the board's top Ontario Scholar in the Caledon and Dufferin area with a 97.5 per cent average. Seewald is enrolled in the computer engineering program at the University of Waterloo.

"We congratulate and celebrate George, Daniel, Nicholas and Luke for their remarkable achievements," said Director of Education Marianne Mazzorato. "It takes tremendous dedication and focus to achieve marks like these and they deserve to be celebrated."

Students must achieve an average of 80 per cent or higher on their top six Grade 12 courses to be an Ontario Scholar. This year, 3,278 Dufferin-Peel students earned this distinction.

"At this time of year, we take the time as Catholic communities to celebrate all graduates, who have fulfilled the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations and are ready to take on a new journey outside the familiar walls of their schools," Mazzorato added.

"We are extremely proud of each and every one of them."