

## Three Peel board students graduate this year with 100 per cent average

Roland Chou from Mayfield Secondary School, along with Jessie Dong and Janet Tang from Turner Fenton Secondary School, achieved the highest averages within the Peel District School Board for the 2015-16 academic year.

These students are among the Peel board's 4,738 Ontario scholars, students graduating Grade 12 with an average of 80 per cent or higher in their top six Grade 12 courses.

Chou, with the highest average in Caledon, will attend McMaster University's bachelor of health sciences honour program in the fall. For Chou's secret to success, he said, "As long as I know that I've done my best, I can be satisfied with whatever happens afterwards. This mindset helps me accept success or failure and move on."

A strong work ethic, staying focused and being persistent have been Chou's keys to success in achieving the highest average.

Dong will be studying human, social and political sciences at the University of Cambridge. Dong attributes her success to self-motivation, great teachers and support from friends and family.

"Create some space for yourself outside of school" that means going for a walk, hanging out with friends, whatever works for you," Dong offered as her advice to next year's Grade 12 students.

Tang will be studying biomedical sciences at McGill University with a major in microbiology and immunology, and plans to attend medical school subsequently. While maintaining strong academics, Tang also plans to become actively involved at McGill.

"I'm not set on a specific career path because I'm still discovering my passions and would like to keep an open mind," she said.

Both Dong and Tang had the highest academic averages in Brampton.

Alveena Ahmed from Applewood Heights Secondary School had one of the highest academic averages in Mississauga with 99.3 per cent. In the fall, Ahmed will be attending McMaster University for life sciences. Ahmed plans to follow in her parents footsteps and "become a doctor who contributes continually to the health and well-being of the community."

Ahmed attributes her success to conscientious study, a balanced schedule and a genuine interest in the subject matter.

Last year, there were 4,896 students on the Ontario Top Scholar list with four graduates achieving 100 per cent average at the Peel board.