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CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Robyn Gmeindl, Manager, Marketing, Partnerships and Events

Subject: MilkUP Future Leaders – “Class of ‘23” Bursary Recipient Announcement

Ontario Soccer and its premier partner, the **Dairy Farmers of Ontario**, are proud to announce the recipients of the MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘23” initiative, which is an integral element of the innovative MilkUP Future Leaders Youth Leadership Development Framework originally launched in spring of 2021.

In its third year, the **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘23”** recognizes the achievements and impact of youth in the soccer community. The selected group of deserving award winners embodies the Ontario Soccer tagline of “Play. Inspire. Unite.” in both their soccer and home community.

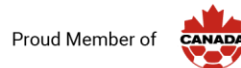
The **“Class of ‘23”** awardees all have consistently demonstrated an attitude of resilience, and a strong work ethic. Most importantly, they all share future aspirations of leadership within the ‘beautiful game,’ all being driven to continue their journey of soccer involvement and community contribution as leaders, players, coaches, match officials and/or administrators.

This award includes a **\$500 education credit** per recipient to be used for soccer leadership education such as an eligible Ontario Soccer Coach Education, Match Official Development courses, and more.

It is vital to provide enhanced support and opportunity to these future sport and community leaders to unlock the potential that soccer participation has for their future success. Ontario Soccer is grateful to its premier partner, the **Dairy Farmers of Ontario**, who wholeheartedly share in this commitment to foster youth leadership development through better sport experiences.



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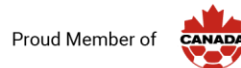
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The Class of '23 Education Grant Recipients are:

Name	Program Interest	Club Affiliation
Jorja Stephenson	Leadership, Admin/ Project Management	Deep River & Area Minor Soccer Club
Jaylan Garrett	Coaching, Admin/ Project Management, Leadership	Alliance Football Club
Christian Sabri	Coaching, Match Officiating	Tecumseth United Football Club
Adrianna Dasilva	Coaching	Ottawa South United Soccer Club
Jesse Morais	Coaching, Leadership	Woodbridge Soccer Club
Natasha Trapani	Admin/ Program Management, Coaching	Brams United Soccer Club
David Akero	Admin/ Project Management, Leadership	Greater Sudbury Soccer Club
Anissa Mosca	Coaching, Leadership, Admin/ Project Management	G. Caboto Soccer Club
Kailey Hill	Leadership	Alliance FC
Antonio Di Bartolo	Coaching, Admin/ Project Management, Leadership	Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club
Taylor Cassidy	Coaching, Admin/ Project Management, Leadership	Ottawa South United Soccer Club
Gemma Groth	Coaching/Admin Project Management/ Leadership	Oakville Soccer Club
Mikaela Milczarek	Coaching, Admin/ Project Management, Leadership, Match Officiating	Markham Soccer Club
Hannah Noble Duphney	Coaching, Leadership	Kingston United Soccer Club
Kiara Hackett	Coaching, Leadership, Match Officiating	Pickering Football Club
Matteo Bosch	Coaching, Leadership	Thunder Bay Chill Soccer Club
Molly Owen	Coaching, Leadership	Cambridge United Soccer Club
Nathan Soer	Coaching	Whitecaps London Soccer Club
Ines Delhomelle	Coaching, Leadership	Unionville Milliken Soccer Club
Benjamin Lowther	Coaching, Leadership, Match Officiating	Woolwich Youth Soccer
Leah Degrandis	Coaching, Leadership	Richmond Hill Soccer Club



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Cristina Ciofani	Coaching, Leadership, Match Officiating, Admin/ Project Management	Burlington Force Soccer Club
Mobin Ashtiani	Match Officiating	Ontario Soccer Match Official
Jaden Corbin	Match Officiating	Woodbridge Soccer Club
Michaiah Ivri	Coaching/ Leadership	Niagara Falls Soccer Club

Ontario Soccer is looking forward to further strengthening its commitment to the advancement of youth leadership development via continued delivery and refinement of the MilkUP Future Leaders Youth Leadership Development Framework for the 2024 season and beyond.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the amazing support and range of programs offered in partnership with the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

For more details regarding this program, please contact [Chiara Aparicio](#), Coordinator, Marketing, Partnerships & Events.

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