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SD72 announces Governor General's Medallion recipients

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. – School District 72 is proud to announce that Carihi Secondary graduate, Alison McAfee, and Timberline Secondary graduate, Meghan Smith are the 2009 recipients of the prestigious Governor General's Medallion.

Each secondary school in the province is given a medallion to annually recognize the graduate who has achieved the highest, combined academic grade point average from their Grade 11 and 12 years.

Alison McAfee, of Sayward was this past year's top academic student at Carihi Secondary School. Undeterred by over two hours a day on the school bus, Alison's excellent attendance and work ethic helped earn her grades in the high 90s across her academic course load and she graduated with a major in Science. Alison's academic excellence also garnered her the Jim Reid Memorial award as Carihi's top math student, the school's parent advisory committee's top senior science award for excellence in physics, a \$1,000 scholarship from Walmart Canada, and a \$4,000 entrance scholarship to the University of British Columbia. Now attending the University of British Columbia, Alison intends to become a pharmacist.

Timberline Secondary's top academic student, Meghan Smith, received a full scholarship for her first year from Harvard University. Meghan is now in Massachusetts beginning to work towards her dream of becoming a doctor. A straight 'A' student every semester, Meghan generously shared her knowledge and time before and after school, as a peer tutor, to help at-risk students in their academic subjects and was a student leader within the school community. Meghan is also accomplished in the arts and athletics, having played for the school concert band, performing in musical theatre productions and dancing in community events.

"These are two outstanding students who have contributed greatly to their school and community, as well as shown excellence and dedication in their studies," says Tom Longridge, superintendent for School District 72. "We are extremely proud of all they have accomplished and know that they will continue to be outstanding ambassadors for our school district and community."

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Alison McAfee, Carihi Secondary



Meghan Smith, Timberline Secondary