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New Student Trustees Elected To Halton Catholic District School Board

At the May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board, Alice Anne LeMay, Chair of the Board, was pleased to announce the election of three new student trustees to the Board of Trustees for the 2009-2010 term. The three new student trustees were elected by the Student Senate, which includes representatives from each of the Board's eight secondary schools.

BRIAR CULBERT, currently a Grade 11 student at Notre Dame Secondary School (Burlington Student Trustee), **STEVEN SLOWKA**, currently a Grade 11 student at Christ the King Secondary School (North Halton Student Trustee) and **CHELSEA GRAY**, currently a Grade 11 student at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School (Oakville Student Trustee), were selected and officially welcomed to the Board table.

In welcoming the new student trustees to the Board, Alice Anne LeMay, reinforced the importance of the responsibility that the student trustees have agreed to undertake in representing the interests of more than 9,500 students attending Halton's Catholic secondary schools.

Briar Culbert, a Grade 11 student at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, has been active in her school and church community as a member of her school's Student Athletic Association, a member of Student Senate, a Retreat Leader and an Altar Server. On a community level, Briar has volunteered for the Parkinson's Society and is a peer tutor. She has been a recipient of the Bishop's Award for Altar Servers and of our Board's "Sharing The Spirit" Award. Her ongoing goal is to continue helping others in her school, church and local community. Briar believes that the Catholic education system is a vital part of the development of a Catholic child, and looks forward to being a liaison between the student population of Burlington and the School Board in her new role as a Student Trustee.



Briar Culbert
Notre Dame Secondary
School Student and
Burlington Student
Trustee 2009-2010



Steven Slowka
Christ the King
Secondary School
Student and North
Halton Student
Trustee 2009-2010

Steven Slowka, a Grade 11 student at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, is both a dedicated student and an experienced leader, who is determined to positively represent his fellow students at the Halton Catholic District School Board. He has been an active member in his school community as a Prefect, a member of the 2008-2009 Student Senate, and of the badminton and tennis teams. Through his vast experience in the Air Cadets, Steven has developed his skills in leadership, teamwork and conflict resolution. As part of his commitment to his faith, he has served as a Retreat Leader and an Altar Server. He has also worked part-time for Green Earth since November of 2008. As the Student Trustee representing students in North Halton, Steven will continue to develop his leadership skills in his Catholic school community and looks forward to giving North Halton students a voice at the Board table.

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Chelsea Gray, currently a Grade 11 student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, has gained a wide range of leadership experience through her work with the Central Ontario Leadership Seminar, the Students for Peace and Justice, the Oakville Youth Advisory Council and as a member of the Student Senate. Chelsea is an active member of her parish, and has been recognized as the recipient of our Board's "Sharing The Spirit" Award, the Bishop P. F. Reding Award and the Travis J. Lopes Student Fellowship Award. In her school community, Chelsea stays active as the editor of the school's online newspaper and as a member of the mock trial teams. She maintains a number of part-time and volunteer jobs, including work for Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton. As a Student Trustee, she will represent the students of Oakville with confidence and integrity. She believes that she can and will make a difference and hopes to help others through her words, actions and prayers.



Chelsea Gray
St. Thomas Aquinas
Secondary School
Student and Oakville
Student Trustee
2009-2010

The term of office for the three new student trustees is for the 2009-2010 school year. During their term of office, student trustees have the same rights as Trustees to participate at meetings of the Board and at meetings of Committees of the Board. The student trustees have the right to exercise a nonbinding vote at Board Meetings and may be present at "in-camera" sessions of the Board.

Briar Culbert replaces Neil Bourque, Notre Dame Secondary School student as the Burlington Student Trustee (2008-2009), Steven Slowka replaces Philip Cockburn, Christ the King Secondary School student as the North Halton Student Trustee (2008-2009) and Chelsea Gray replaces Chloé Restivo, Holy Trinity Secondary School student as the Oakville Student Trustee (2008-2009).

The Education Quality Improvement Act, 1997 (formerly Bill 160) provided for the representation of the interests of pupils on school boards.

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About the Halton Catholic District School Board

The Halton Catholic District School Board, a provincial leader in student achievement in literacy and numeracy, as well as in Special Education, provides the best of Catholic education to more than 29,000 students of all ages at 49 faith-centred learning communities in Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Committed to servant leadership, continuous school improvement planning and the preservation of the enduring gift of Catholic education, the Board is an exciting and dynamic system in which to learn, grow and work.

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