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Celebrating Youth Achievement

November 28, 2025 at 7:00pm
Surrey City Hall



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SURREY

On behalf of the City of Surrey, I am pleased to extend my enthusiastic greetings to everyone involved in the 15th Annual SASSY Awards.

The SASSY Awards, celebrating SERVICE ABOVE SELF SURREY YOUTH, allow us to champion the extraordinary leadership and profound commitment of our young people. We are inspired to see a new generation of community leaders already making a tangible difference, demonstrating that service to others is the truest form of leadership.

The honors being presented are a resounding affirmation of this powerful ethos. In a world that needs more compassion, the "Service Above Self" principle you embody is not just commendable—it is transformative. The positive change you create enriches our community in countless and enduring ways.

I extend my profound gratitude to the dedicated volunteers, Rotary members, and sponsors. Your unwavering support nurtures this vital celebration of youth excellence.

To the remarkable nominees, congratulations! Your incredible initiative and selfless contributions fill us with immense pride and optimism. You are not just our future; you are the inspiring leaders of today.

Sincerely,

Brenda Locke Mayor





Mayor Megan Knight
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
White Rock, B.C. Canada



November 26, 2025

Greetings from Mayor Megan Knight

On behalf of the City of White Rock, it is my great pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to all gathered for the 14th Annual SASSY Awards this Movember 28, 2025, as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of youth throughout our communities.

The Semiahmoo Rotary's SASSY Awards play a vital role in highlighting and rewarding young individuals who embody Rotary's ideals, showcasing those who have made meaningful contributions in arts and culture, community service, leadership, environmental stewardship, athletics, and personal perseverance.

To each of this year's nominees and award recipients, my sincerest congratulations. Thank you for the difference you are making. You truly exemplify the principle of "service above self." Please take a moment to be proud of what you have accomplished and the inspiration you provide to everyone around you.

My gratitude also extends to the dedicated sponsors and voluntuers whose unwavering support is fundamental to the success of this wonderful event.

Wishing you all a most enjoyable and inspiring evening.

Best wishes.

Mayor Megan Knight City of White Rock



A Welcome from the Organizers

INTRODUCTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SEMIAHMOO ROTARY CLUB

Welcome to the 15th Annual SASSY Awards, where we recognize the achievements of youth aged 15 to 21 who are making a difference in our community by demonstrating the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self".

The Semiahmoo Rotary Club, in partnership with the City of Surrey, are honoured to host this celebration.

For the past 15 years, the SASSY Awards have recognized youth excellence in Surrey and White, shining a light on young people aged 15-21 who don't just achieve great things, but who live by the principle of **Service Above Self**, making our community stronger for everyone.

The 2025 Award Categories

This year, we're pleased to introduce refreshed categories that capture the full spectrum of youth leadership and service. Each category is divided into Junior (ages 15-17) and Senior (ages 18-21) divisions.

- **Community Leadership and Service:** For the organizers, the volunteers, and the helpers who see a need and take action.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** For the bridge-builders who champion inclusivity and work to ensure everyone feels they belong.
- Leadership and Service Beyond Adversity: For the resilient individuals who have turned personal challenges into a source of strength and service for others.
- School Leadership and Service: For the dedicated students who lead by example, inspiring their peers and enriching their school community



Each Category Award Recipient will receive:

Junior (16 & under):

- \$750 award and certificate
- \$100 donation to a registered Canadian Charity of their choice
- SASSY trophy

Senior (17 and older):

- \$1000 award and certificate
- \$100 donation to a registered Canadian Charity of their choice
- SASSY trophy

Two Finalists in each category and division will receive:

Junior (16 & under):

- \$500 award and certificate
- \$100 donation to a registered Canadian Charity of their choice

Senior (17 & older):

- \$750 award and certificate
- \$100 donation to a registered Canadian Charity of their choice

In the words of Nelson Mandela "The power of one, if pure and unselfish, is great." The SASSY nominees are shining examples of this philosophy. To all our nominees, may your leadership and passion continue to inspire others.

To all our sponsors and volunteers, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your generous support and dedicated efforts are the foundation upon which this evening is built. It is through your commitment that we can continue to invest in and celebrate our future leaders.

Finally, to our remarkable nominees and all our guests, we are truly delighted you are here. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the outstanding leadership and selfless service of the youth in our community.

Enjoy the evening!

John Lusted – President 2025-2026 Semiahmoo Rotary Club www.sassyawardssurrey.ca



Agenda

National Anthem

Opening Remarks: Emcee Introduction - Amie Johnson

Welcome: John Lusted – President, Semiahmoo Rotary Club; Rob Stutt – Councillor, City of Surrey

Presentation of SASSY Awards

Community Leadership and Service

Junior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Save On Foods **Finalist(s) Sponsor:** The Campbell Team

Senior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Save On Foods **Finalist(s) Sponsor:** In Memory of Jim Follows

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Junior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Block Charitable Foundation **Finalist(s) Sponsor:** Semiahmoo Rotary Club

Senior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Block Charitable Foundation

Finalist(s) Sponsor: White Rock Rotary Club

Leadership and Service beyond Adversity

Senior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Sources Community Resource Centres

Finalist(s) Sponsor: Semiahmoo Rotary Club

School Leadership and Service

Junior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Options Community Services

Finalist(s) Sponsor: Coast Capital Savings **Finalist(s) Sponsor:** The Campbell Team

Senior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Options Community Services

Finalist(s) Sponsor: In Memory of Jim Follows

Finalist(s) Sponsor: The Campbell Team

Closing Remarks: Emcee



2025 SASSY Awards Nominees

Jordan Angelo Abringe

Jiya Arora

Bennet Atnafu

Anaya Aujla

Asia Bajwa

Mia Binning

Manya Chawla Jasmine Chohan

Rosarita Beatrice Correa

Donya Dhawan

Roop Kaur Dhillon

Afsana Dosanjh

Tala Elgamal

Simran Garcha

Soham Ghugal

Suhana Gill

Simranjit Gill

Siya Gill

Ben Gong

Max Grantham

Hritik Harish

Ali Hojjati

Jason Hothi

Ivan Hou

Meharban Singh Hundal

Ella Jack

Lucky Jindal

Kate Kampschuur

Suzaan Kamal

Puneet Kaur

Amrit Khaira Zohra Khawaia

Esther Kim

Sabine Lapointe

Kelly Mao

Zeenat Maqsoodi

Kaavya Nagpal

Clara Nyambo Ngoe

Gurmehar Singh Pabla

Madison Pancho

Misha Panesar

Parisha Patel

Madison-Lynn Perreault

Lucy Prior

Ravleen Kaur Reel

Jasleen Sandhu

Riley Shepherd

Abbey Shuttleworth

Sara Sidhu

Kevin Sim

Harnoor Singh

Polina Smirnova

Suleman Sohail

Asheton Tablac

Gavin Singh Thind

Dhwani Trehan

Palak Vashisht

Alveera Wahi

Yifei (Aria) Wang

Wendy Wen

Brandon Xu Ingrid Yang

Sabrina Ye

Esther Yeong

Maria Zhang

Olivia Zhang

Yi Zhang



The 15th Annual SASSY Awards would like to recognize nominations from the following Secondary Schools and Universities:

Clayton Heights Secondary
Earl Marriott Secondary
Elgin Park Secondary
Fleetwood Park Secondary
Fraser Heights Secondary
Grandview Heights Secondary
Holy Cross Secondary
Johnston Heights Secondary
Khalsa Secondary
L.A. Matheson Secondary
Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary

North Surrey Secondary
Panorama Ridge Secondary
Princess Margaret Secondary
St. John Paul Academy
Seaquam Secondary
SFU
Southridge Secondary
Steveston London Secondary
Tamanawis Secondary
UBC
White Rock Christian Academy

Land Acknowledgement

Surrey is situated on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territories of the Salish Peoples, including the Semiahma (Semiahmoo), qwa:nλen (Kwantlen), and qicəy (Katzie), land-based Nations







Community Leadership and Service

This category recognizes youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in their community through sports, the arts, environmental stewardship, or other civic or cultural engagement. This award honours initiative, creativity, responsibility and the positive influence of youth service and leadership.

*must have occurred in the Community (outside of School) within the last 18 months.

Key Areas

- Sports led through team sports, coaching, youth fitness or inclusion in athletics
- Arts used music, visual arts, theatre or media to unite or uplift the community
- Environment took action on sustainability, conservation or climate education
- General Civic Engagement organized events, supported peers, or volunteered in community projects

Candidates were scored on the following criteria:

- Took the lead on a project, team or creative effort
- Showed independence, motivation and the ability to inspire others
- Created a measurable or visible benefit increased participation/ awareness
- Brought new ideas, artistic expression or used creative problem solving in the project or activity
- Fostered teamwork, encouraged diverse participation or created safe spaces for others to get involved
- Demonstrated responsibility and stayed committed over time
- Provides ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement and support

Junior

Recipient Sponsor: Save On Foods
Finalist(s) Sponsor: The Campbell Team

Senior

Recipient Sponsor: Save On Foods

Finalist(s) Sponsor: In Memory of Jim Follows



Community Leadership and Service Nominees

JUNIOR



Asia Bajwa



Tala Elgamal



Amrit Khaira



Esther Kim



Zohra Khawaja



Sabine Lapointe



Kelly Mao



Clara Nyambo Ngoe



Lucy Prior



Ravleen Kaur Reel



Alveera Wahi



Esther Yeong



Olivia Zhang



Community Leadership and Service Nominees

SENIOR



Anaya Aujla



Rosarita Beatrice Correa



Jasmine Chohan



Afsana Dosanjh





Max Grantham



Suhana Gill



Hritik Harish



Ivan Hou





Zeenat Magsoodi



Kaavya Nagpal



Misha Panesar



Parisha Patel



Gurmehar Singh



Riley Shepherd



Kevin Sim



Harnoor Singh



Polina Smirnova



Suleman Sohail



Dhwani Trehan



Yifei (Aria) Wang



Sabrina Ye



Ingrid Yang

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Proud supporter of our community

Congratulations to the
2025 Semiahmoo Rotary
SASSY Community Service
Award recipient for Going the
Extra Mile in your community!



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

This category recognizes youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their community or school. *must have taken place within the last 18 months or is clearly ongoing

Key Areas

- Leadership in DEI initiatives led or co-led a project, event or program that addressed issues of inclusion, representation or accessibility
- Impact on Underserved or Marginalized communities tangible, positive outcomes for communities often overlooked, such as ethnic minorities, 2SLGBTQI+ youth, people with disabilities or others facing systemic barriers
- Education and awareness efforts organized or promoted training, workshops, speakers or campaigns that helped raise awareness about bias, equity or inclusive leadership
- School or community culture change fostered a more welcoming environment within their school or community such as creating safe spaces, revising policies, or advocating for more inclusive practices

Candidates were scored on the following criteria:

- Took initiative to lead or co-lead a meaningful diversity, equity, or inclusion-related project, campaign or event, promoted learning or dialogue through events, training, storytelling or advocacy around DEI topics
- Demonstrated real, measurable benefit to communities often underrepresented or facing barriers. Impact can be local or broader
- Demonstrated ongoing involvement and personal commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion over time - not just a one-time project
- Used creative approaches (art, media, tech, storytelling) or built strong partnerships with external organizations or individuals
- Contributed to lasting shifts in attitudes, practices or culture with a school or community Provides ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement and support



Recipient Sponsor: Block Charitable Foundation
Finalist(s) Sponsor: Semiahmoo Rotary Club

Senior

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Nominees

JUNIOR



Jiya Arora



Sara Sidhu

SENIOR



Bemnet Atnafu



Manya Chawla



Simranjit Gill



Ella Jack



Jasleen Sandhu



Palak Vashisht





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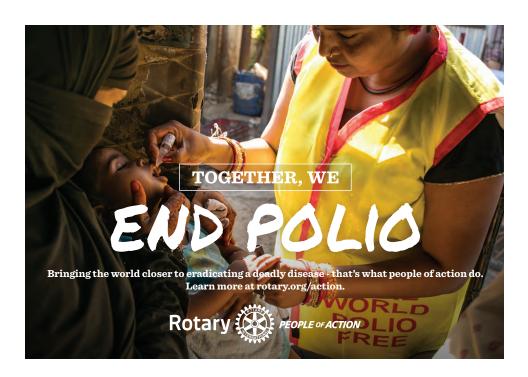
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Congratulations to all SASSY Awards nominees & finalists

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ROB STUTT

Surrey City Council is pleased to congratulate the 2025 **SASSY Award Nominees**









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Leadership and Service Beyond Adversity

This category recognizes youth who have shown remarkable courage, determination and leadership while overcoming significant personal or community adversity. This award celebrates strength of character, impact and the ability to inspire others.

* must have taken place within the last 18 months or is clearly ongoing.

Key Areas

- Overcome Adversity faced significant personal, family, social or systemic challenges
- Leadership and positive action took initiative to lead, create, change or support others despite personal struggles Impact on others - made a tangible or emotional difference in the lives of others
- Character and Growth demonstrated resilience, perseverance and a growth mindset

Candidates were scored on the following criteria:

- Started a project, led a group, supported peers or advocated for an issue
- Contributed to a cause or built stronger community connections
- Turned adversity into a strength or an opportunity to grow and give back
- Demonstrated empathy, responsibility, courage and humility; showed personal development
- Acted as a role model and mentor to encourage, motivate or inspire others
- Provides ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement and support of others



Senior

Award Recipient Sponsor: Sources Community

Resource Centres

Finalist(s) Sponsor: Semiahmoo Rotary Club

Leadership and Service Beyond Adversity Nominees SENIOR



Simran Garcha



Puneet Kaur



Madison-Lynn Perreault



Asheton Tablac









Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. We value fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership.

Be our guest for an introductory breakfast at the Rotary Fieldhouse - Thursdays at 7:00 AM







www.semiahmoorotary.com

School Leadership and Service

This category recognizes youth who have made a positive impact in their school community through sports, the arts, environmental action or student-led initiatives. This award honours creativity, commitment and school-minded action that uplifts others and leads by example.

*must have occurred in the school environment within the last 18 months

Key Areas

- Sports team captain, student-athlete mentor
- Arts theatre, music, visual arts, student media, creative activism
- Environment sustainability projects, green teams, awareness campaigns
- General student leadership student council, peer mentoring, anti-bullying work, clubs

Candidates were scored on the following criteria:

- Took a lead role in organizing or driving a school project, event or group activity. Inspired or mobilized others
- Demonstrated meaningful and measurable impact improved school culture, promoted a cause or solved a problem
- Used creative problem solving, artistic expression or unique methods to address a school need or opportunity
- Worked well with others, promoted team spirit and brought students together Sustained effort over time, showed responsibility, follow-through and reliability
- Provides ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement and support

Junior

Recipient Sponsor: Options Community Services
Finalist(s) Sponsor: Coast Capital Savings
Finalist(s) Sponsor: The Campbell Team

Senior



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School Leadership and Service Nominees

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School Leadership and Service Nominees

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Siya Gill



Mia Binning



Roop Kaur Dhillon



Soham Ghugal



Ali Hojjati



Jason Hothi



Kate Kampschuur



Abbey Shuttleworth



Wendy Wen



Brandon Xu



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This year we're proud to sponsor the 15th Annual Sassy Awards and would like to congratulate all the 2025 nominees and finalists.

If you'd like to learn more about how we make a social impact, visit **coastcapitalsavings.com/community**



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The SASSY Awards would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and businesses for their generous support in making this year's event possible:

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Steve Frishling Greg Vanstone

Doug Waymark Jim Purcell
Doug Blender Beth Nielsen
Randy Myers Shar Junge
Lori Chalmers Kirk Mitchell

Award Selection Panel

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Beth Nielsen Fraser Drummond
Janine McLean Linda Whitehead
Lori Chalmers Doug Waymark
Kirk Mitchell Randy Myers
Shar Junge Taylor Morton
Doug Blender Jim Purcell







The YAIL Program works to help participants become well-rounded individuals with increased perspective and enthusiasm for growth, who can make informed decisions through their leadership journey.



Next YAIL:

FEB 6-8, 2026

- High school students ages 15 17
- No cost to attend sponsored by Rotary
- Timberline Ranch, Maple Ridge, BC
- One weekend can change your life!



@yail5050

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid seminar to discuss leadership skills and to hone those skills through practice.

Next RYLA: MAY 26-31, 2026

- Ages 18 30
- No cost to attend sponsored by Rotary
- Camp Stillwood, Chilliwack, BC
- Have fun, build connections and enhance your career

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Rotaract is a membership type of Rotary for young adults that provides opportunities for service, development of leadership and professional skills, and volunteering for local and international non-profit organizations.







- Ages 18 30
- Networking and mentorship opportunities
- Community involvement and resume building
- Build lifelong skills and friendships

Get Involved at: rotaract5050.org





Interact gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects.

Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends.







- Ages 13 18
- Build friendships and volunteer hours
- Develop personal integrity and responsibility
- Learn leadership skills and teamwork
- Help advance international understanding and goodwill
- Take action to make a difference

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• Finalist(s) Sponsor: The Campbell Team

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Thursdays at 7:00am at Rotary Field House South Surrey Athletic Park (Hybrid) semiahmoorotary.org

Surrey Rotary

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00pm locations change (Hybrid)

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Participate in free drop in activities for youth ages 10-18 and visit our youth spaces where you can play games, have fun with friends, use sports equipment and more.

Youth Service Membership: Get your free annual Youth Services Membership (ages 10-18) at any recreation facility when you purchase an annual Recreation Pass.

This gives you access to drop-in activities and our youth lounges where you can play games, make friends, use sports equipment and morel

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- Youth Programs –
 Peer Mentorship Program.
- Youth Events Slam Jam, Youth Cooking Showdown, Band-Aid, Youth Speak Up, Surrey Steps Up and SASSY awards.
- Youth Week Events happening all over Surrey from May 1 to May 7

