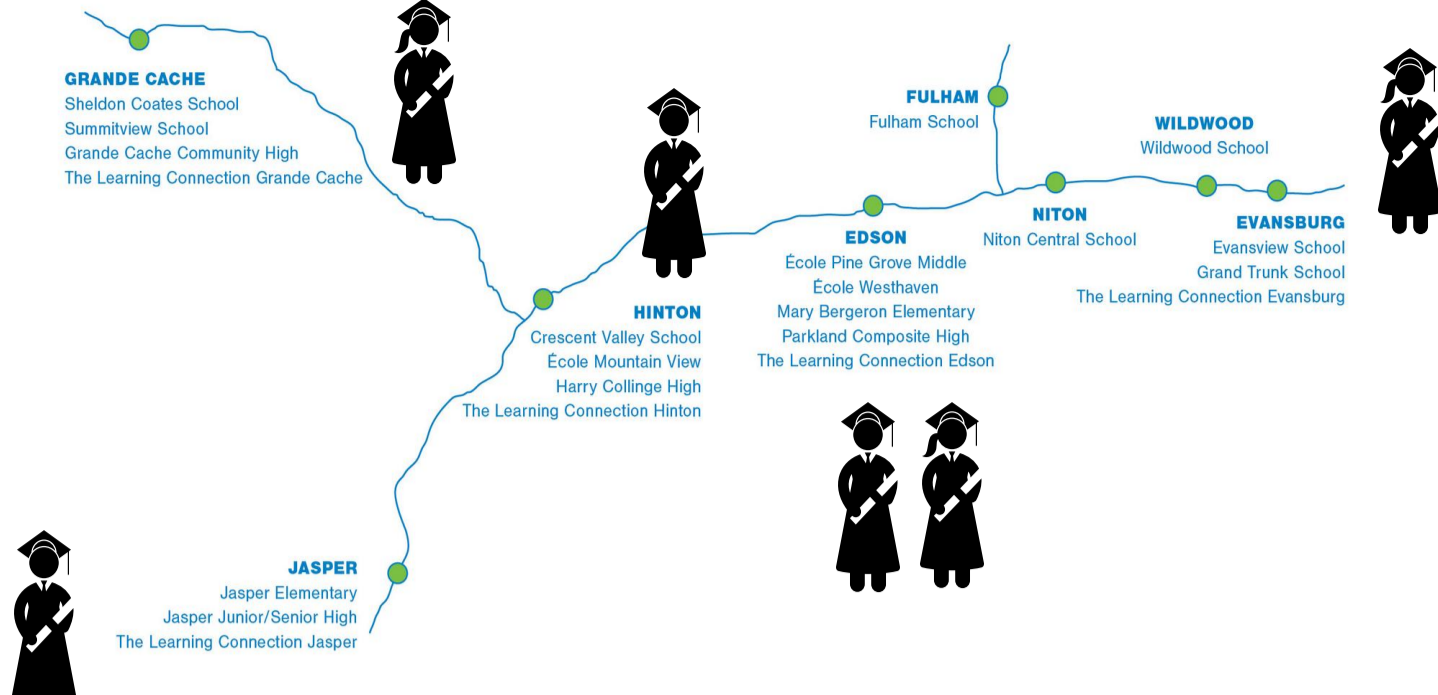




# 2023 Valedictorian Profiles



At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, **Student Learning** is the first Board Priority. We are proud of our students and invite you to celebrate their accomplishments. Help us recognize our Grade 12 Valedictorians from across GYPSD for the 2022/2023 school year!

## Grand Trunk High School, Evansburg

### Congratulations to the Grand Trunk High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2023, Esther Ziehlke!

Esther has already booked travel plans to explore both Canada and the United States right after graduation. After spending some time working in Ontario, Esther then plans to head to Europe to both travel and work. While exploring the world, Esther will use this time to determine her greatest passions and decide what she wants to do for a career. She has the capabilities to achieve the highest level in any field she chooses.

Staff will remember Esther as a quiet leader who understands her priorities and always gives amazing effort to everything that she does. She works incredibly hard for all of her well deserved successes, handling all situations with grace.

When Esther was asked what her greatest lesson was learned at school, either personal, educational or in life, she said, "The greatest lesson I learned ties together all three. There is a concept called the "wave-particle duality" which expresses the inability of the classical ideals particle or wave to fully describe the behavior of quantum-scale objects. In other words, how you choose to view something can lead to many new discoveries and effects, but it comes down to how YOU decide to see it."



## Parkland Composite High School, Edson

### Congratulations PCHS Valedictorian for the class of 2023, Deborah Yun!

Deborah will be attending the University of Alberta to begin her studies in a [Bachelor of Science for Honors Physiology](#), this upcoming fall - aspiring towards a long-term goal of attending Medical School. Deborah has worked previously with the University of Alberta through their [WISEST \(Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology\) Summer Research Program](#).

Deborah would like to extend her gratitude and appreciation to her family and friends for their constant motivation and support. "Without their encouragement, all of my successes would have not been possible to achieve." To her teachers and mentors, she would like to thank them for providing her with the gateway to grow her interests and passions.

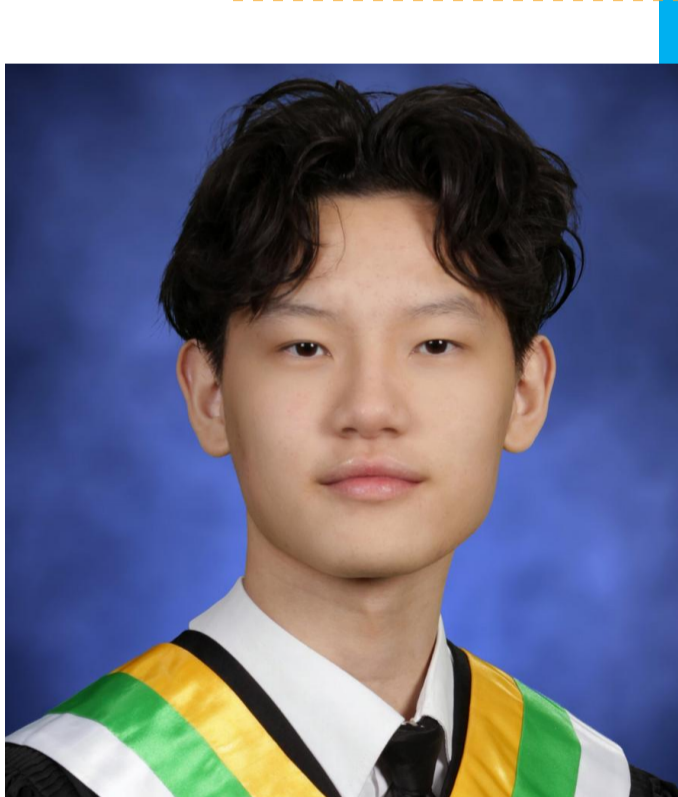


## Parkland Composite High School, Edson

### Congratulations PCHS Valedictorian for the class of 2023, Kieran Bradbury!

Next year, Kieran will be moving to the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus in Kelowna, and majoring in their [Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology](#) program. This could lead to further studying in academia, or, as is the current plan, lead to a government career in environmental conservation. Always a passion of his, Kieran hopes to make a positive impact on the world by protecting the environment.

Kieran says, "Of course I have to thank my family, who encouraged me to do my best in school and go even further in my extracurricular activities. I also want to thank all my teachers; but give some specific thanks to my best science teachers; Mrs. Bencz and Mr. Davi. Congratulations to all of my lifelong friends in this grade and all the other members of the 2023 grad class."



## Harry Collinge High School, Hinton

### Congratulations HCHS Valedictorian for the class of 2023, David Lee

An accomplished student, David is excited to be moving to Toronto in the fall to study [Life Sciences at the University of Toronto](#). After his undergraduate degree, David intends to apply to medical school with the dream of becoming a pediatrician or plastic surgeon.

David is a passionate basketball player and demonstrates exceptional leadership on the court. Additionally, David has served on the RCMP National Youth Advisory Committee and currently works as a Page at the Hinton Public Library. David is seen as a hardworking student who is fiercely competitive, but still manages to have lots of fun. Staff and students alike will remember David for his incredible job at Prom recognizing a departed staff member with the most sincere of speeches! We wish him all the best in the future.

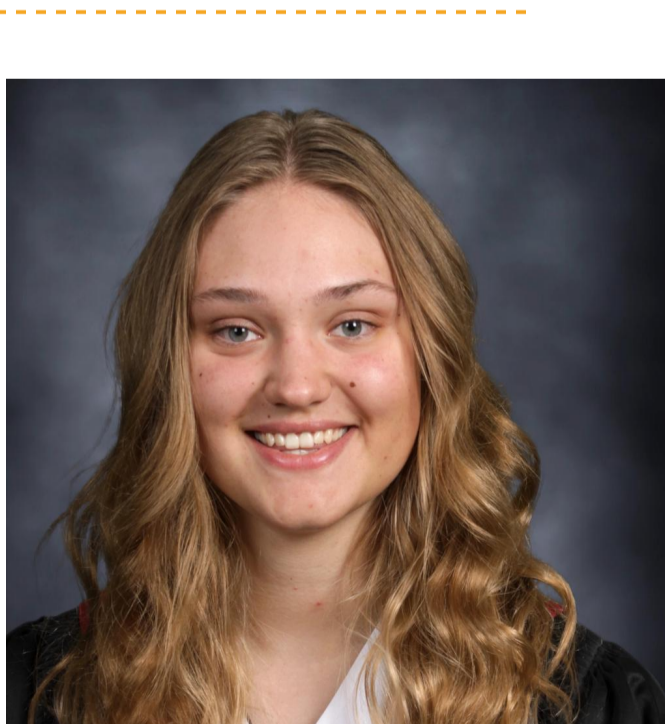
## Grande Cache Community High School

### Congratulations GCCHS Valedictorian for the class of 2023, Aquin Nolan!

This September, Aquin will be attending the University of Alberta, where she will pursue her [Bachelor of Science in Engineering](#).

Aquin says, "I'd like to thank my family, as well as many amazing teachers for supporting me in my education. Though I will miss my small mountain town, I look forward to the journeys and experiences that are ahead of me."

And to her fellow graduates, "I wish everyone happiness, success and a bright future!"



## Jasper Junior/Senior High School

### Congratulations JJSHS Valedictorian for the class of 2023, Dexter Fawcett!

Dexter has been a huge part of Jasper Junior Senior High School's academic, social, and sporting community.

He led the school's volleyball team to a bronze medal at provincials and was a big part of the school's social scene, setting up dances and events. Dexter received the top male athlete award this year. Dexter loves science and states he will miss high school chemistry and physics labs the most.

Next year Dexter plans to attend an engineering program at either [SAIT](#) or the [U of C](#). This summer he is off to travel in Mexico as a reward with some of his classmates before hitting the books again next year! Felicidades Dexter!

