



## Roland Michener Secondary School students offered U of A scholarships

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*Slave Lake, AB* – A number of academically-minded Grade 12 students from Roland Michener Secondary School (RMSS) in Slave Lake have made the grade for post-secondary scholarship funding offers to attend the University of Alberta this fall.

The scholarships – offered to Breanna Carnegie, Kaley Donaldson, Georgia Keaveny, Courtney von Wackerbarth, Alison Deas, Shannon

Arnell and Garret Meyer – coincide with the university's Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition, which concluded on June 30, 2009. Another student, Eric Williams also received an Academic Excellence Scholarship but was not one of the early-bird applicants.

As part of the early bird qualification process for the Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition each RMSS student received a specially designed University of Alberta backpack in addition to a letter of congratulations from President Indira Samarasekera.

“This gift represents our continuing commitment to your students,” says Brant Hinkey, entrance awards coordinator for the U of A. “We also hope it is an incentive to other students to aspire to the high academic standards set by this year's nominees.”

Len Ramsey, RMSS counselor, says the students are extremely pleased with the high level of interest and attention they've received from the university.

“More importantly though, they (the students) feel the scholarships are a clear indication of the high quality of students which university officials demand at their institution. It really made our students feel better about their decision to attend the University of Alberta.”

The Academic Excellence Scholarship Competition offers over \$14 million in scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Student eligibility includes:

- Be in Grade 11 as of June 15, 2009 or Grade 12 as of Dec. 15, 2009;
- Have an award average of 80 per cent or higher;
- Plan to attend the University of Alberta in September of 2010.

Students selected to receive scholarship funding through the U of A will have the funds applied directly to their student account in September of 2010. Those funds will go towards the cost of their tuition fees and books upon confirmation of their full-time registration at the U of A in both the fall and winter terms



**RMSS students (from left) Breanna Carnegie, Kaley Donaldson, Georgia Keaveny, Courtney von Wackerbarth and Alison Deas. Missing from the photo is: Shannon Arnell, Garret Meyer and Eric Williams.**

“We have sent out the offers to students already. However, they will only receive funds if they choose to attend the University of Alberta in the fall,” Hinkey explains.

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