



Spotlight

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OHS Student to Visit the United Nations

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Devan Seltenrich

Devan Seltenrich, a Grade 11 student at Outlook High School has been awarded a once in a lifetime trip to the United Nations in New York City. Devan, along with other students from across Saskatchewan, sent in applications to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Saskatchewan's Pilgrimage for Youth program. This application process included filling out a form, getting letters of reference and writing an essay about United Nations involvement in a current world issue or problem.

After the initial application process, Devan, and her classmate Jordyn Morken, who also entered the competition, received letters that they had been selected to proceed to the next level. The next level involved writing a speech based on their essay and competing in a public speaking competition.

The girls travelled to Regina for the speaking portion of the competition. Only six students from across Saskatchewan advanced to this level. One of the judges remarked that it was quite a feat to have two students from the same school competing at this level. Both girls spoke exceptionally well and Devan and a Saskatoon student were awarded the trip.

Devan will be part of a group of students who will travel across the country, and even around the world, to New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Ottawa. Students taking part in this trip will get to see many historical sites allowing them to develop increasing pride in their country, as well as experiencing other people's pride in their countries. This trip is a great opportunity for personal and social growth as well as a great way to develop people skills and acquire new friends. Devan is looking forward to her trip and will gladly share her experiences when her trip is finished.

Congratulations to Devan on her award and to Jordyn Morken on reaching the finals.