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TORONTO INNER-CITY
RUGBY FOUNDATION

**TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION (TIRF) AWARDS \$52,500 IN
SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT 10 STUDENT ATHLETES**

*TIRF Scholarships are supported by the Doncaster Foundation,
the Webb Family and Eventi Capital Partners.*

TORONTO, Ont. – 5 SEPTEMBER, 2017 –Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is proud to support 10 phenomenal student athletes on their post-secondary journey. Inspired by the dedication and commitment of student athletes, TIRF offers post-secondary scholarships to rugby players, and those who help support their high-school/post-secondary/club rugby teams.

“We want young athletes to become the very best version of themselves,” said Ige Egal, executive director of Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation. “As a relatively young sport for development organization, TIRF is committed to supporting young people play rugby and provide academic or employment support beyond rugby. This year we had an overwhelming response for applications resulting in the largest number of TIRF Scholars we’ve awarded.”

TIRF, in partnership with the Doncaster Foundation, the Webb Family and Eventi Capital Partners, has been awarding scholarships since 2014. TIRF Scholars have been deserving rugby players that reside in Toronto’s Neighbourhood improvement areas (NIA), are affiliated with a TIRF school, play for a Toronto Club or volunteer/work to support TIRF. Scholarships were awarded based on a demonstration of financial need; performance (both athletic and academic), and community service.

Over the past three-years, more than \$169,000 has been committed to help remove financial barriers and assist outstanding TIRF participants in achieving their post-secondary aspirations. The scholarship helps produce outstanding leaders willing to give back to their local communities through the development of rugby and other social initiatives.

Applications for scholarship candidates are accepted from April to May through the website:
www.TIRFrugby.ca/MyFuture.

THE 2017 TIRF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

MUTLI-YEAR AWARD

The **Doncaster Scholarship Award** is a \$5,000 academic scholarship. Recipients could receive up to \$20,000 over a four-year period. These TIRF Scholars must remain in good academic standing for the length of their studies.

Doncaster Scholarship \$20,000 Scholarship Award (up to \$5,000)

Leeza James - studying psychology at Queens University
Daniel Li - studying philosophy at University of Western Ontario

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SINGLE-YEAR AWARDS

These one-time scholarships are awarded to promising candidates that have clearly demonstrated financial need, drive, and character.

Doncaster Scholarship \$5,000 Scholarship Award (*special one-time award*)

Florence Kuan - studying business administration at Wilfrid Laurier University

Eventi-Webb Scholarship Awards (*ranging from \$500 to \$1,500*)

Amira Cheikho – studying concurrent arts and contemporary studies at Queen's University

Arielle Dubissette-Borricce - studying criminology at University of Western Ontario

Malik James - studying kinesiology at Wilfrid Laurier University

Owen Lavado – studying psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University

Quenton Lavado – studying business commerce at University of Guelph

Reginald Ofori – studying business administration at George Brown College

Maye Waters – studying criminology and criminal justice at Carleton University

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About Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF)

Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is a rugby-centre community development organization that uses rugby as a tool for social good. TIRF, a registered non-profit founded in 2011, builds community through rugby in 31 of Toronto's underserved, low-income and priority neighbourhoods.

Working in partnership with Rugby Canada; Rugby Ontario, nine Toronto rugby clubs; school boards and community service providers, TIRF reduces the financial, geographical, and cultural barriers that prevent children and youth from participating in the sport. **For more information, visit:**

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