

Alouettes recognize student excellence

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Kelly Steczko (left) and Zackary Low Berth congratulate one another after accepting their bursaries from Alouettes' Senior Director of Sales and Business Development Strategy Brian Weightman as EMSB Chair Joe Ortona applauds the duo.

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The Montreal Alouettes' commitment to community was showcased once again before the kickoff of the Thanksgiving Monday match against the Ottawa Redblacks. Two students from the English Montreal School Board were presented bursaries by the organization in recognition of their academic, school community and family commitment. The two recipients of the \$500 awards were Kelly Steczko from Vezina Alternative High School in Pointe St. Charles and Zackary Low Berth from LaurenHill Academy in St. Laurent.

Steczko, a grade nine student, has been a student at Vezina for two years where she has grown academically, personally and socially. Academics has not come easy her, but she consistently attends classes, works hard, accepts help and is an upstanding school leader, both in and out of the classroom. She is known to always stand up for what's right and encouraging other students to do the same. In addition, Steczko is also an excellent athlete, who always gives 100 percent on the court, field or rink.

Low Berth, now in Grade 11, demonstrates an exceptional level of commitment and dedication, both in academic and extracurricular activities. He consistently contributes by setting up the gym for events, and he also takes on the responsibility of scorekeeping, showing his initiative and willingness to support his school community. Low Berth is enrolled in advanced science courses, balancing a rigorous course load with his other responsibilities. His strong work ethic is evident in everything he does, and he never hesitates to lend a hand. Low Berth is also a role model of perseverance, managing to excel in his studies while actively participating in multiple sports. n

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