

# Champions WELLAND LEADING THE WAY

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### *2009-10 City of Welland-Economic Development and John Howard Society of Niagara - Bursary Awarded*

The City of Welland Economic Development Office and the John Howard Society of Niagara teamed up two years ago to create a bursary at Niagara College to help local students receive the education they need to land jobs at Welland's emerging industries.

This bursary has been provided to students from Welland enrolling in manufacturing or technology related programs at the college. The money is also earmarked for the first person in a family to attend post-secondary education.

"This is our way of giving back to the youth in our community and to Niagara College. Also, by providing the bursary to children whose parents weren't able to attend college, it might assist and inspire them to do so" said Dan Degazio, Manager, Economic Development.

"We want to see them continue to go to school, and of course, one of the best schools around is Niagara College, and that's where we want to send them and what we want to support" says Deanna Vilella, Manager of the Job Gym, a John Howard Society program.

During the 2009-10 school year, Jessica Seguin of the Renovation Technician – Construction program was chosen as the recipient of this bursary. The amount awarded was \$400.

"I am very grateful and appreciative that I was selected as a recipient for the City of Welland / John Howard Society bursary. My financial expenses seemed to grow larger as the year progressed and with the bursary I was awarded, I was able to use the money towards text books and supplies. I would like to thank the City of Welland and The John Howard Society for easing my financial burdens and continuing to make a difference" said Jessica Seguin, bursary recipient.

More information about the bursary will be made available at Niagara College as well as high school guidance departments.

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