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Westlane student selected to take part in Electoral Assembly

Sal Abbruscato, a Grade 12 student at Westlane Secondary School has been selected to represent the Niagara Falls riding at the Province-wide Students' Assembly on Electoral Reform. The application process included the submission of references from both the community and Westlane as well as several questions relating to politics and the electoral process in Canada.

"Sal studies Law in my class and is very excited about this opportunity," said Marita Bootsma, teacher, "we are all very proud of him." Sal will be one of 103 young people, (52 women and 51 men), selected to take part in this program. As well as having a great time, students will learn about our current electoral system, alternative systems in use around the world as well as the values and outcomes associated with each. At the close of the conference, participants will recommend an electoral system that they feel best reflects the values of young Ontarians.

The Students' Assembly is a parallel process designed to complement the work of the Ontario Citizens Assembly. It offers young Ontarians, ages 14-18, the chance to learn about the inner workings of the province's electoral system.

The conference takes place at the Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka from November 15- 19, 2006. Information regarding the Students Assembly on Electoral Reform and applications are available at www.studentsassembly.ca.

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