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## DSBN Honours their Women of Distinction Award Winners

On May 10, 2007, the prestigious “Women of Distinction Awards” Gala took place. These awards honour women who, through their own ability and effort, have made an exemplary achievement in their field, are outstanding role models because of their goals and the way in which they have achieved those goals and by their community commitment and contribution to the advancement of women.

This year the District School Board of Niagara was pleased to have three award winners.

Katie Owens, a grade 12 student at Governor Simcoe Secondary School, won the Young Women of Distinction Arts and Culture Award. She has been involved with the “Fusion” vocal jazz ensemble, helped organize the Ontario Vocal Festival Niagara and organized “Simcoe Idol”.

Sanya Billoo, a grade 12 student at Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, won the Young Women of Distinction Community Service Award. Sanya was involved with a group called “Impact”, through the Rotary Club of Niagara, is a member of the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee, in addition to being the “Kids Help Phone” Ambassador. Sanyo recently traveled to her home country of Pakistan and helped provide earthquake relief.

Topping the nights winners was Tracy Sacco, Principal, St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School. Tracy established the school's daily breakfast program, created a curriculum which meets the needs of an increasingly diverse student population, developed the Safe School Act in Niagara, designed to assist an evacuation scenario if any school had to face the possibility of an armed attack and continues to be a champion of student success.

The District School Board of Niagara is very proud of their accomplishments and wishes to congratulate these three "Women of Distinction".

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