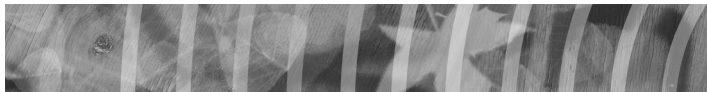




***Collège Jeanne Sauvé: Students Without Borders  
“Afrique 2007” (Group Award)***

For their four years of tireless effort, the 41 students from Collège Jeanne Sauvé’s Students Without Borders “Afrique 2007” group are receiving Young Humanitarian Awards. From Grade 9 to Grade 12, each of them contributed hundreds of hours of fundraising to help raise \$250,000 for a community in Mbour, Senegal, then personally went to help that community. The funds represented medical supplies, schools supplies, tuition fees for 100 students to attend school, user fees for hundreds of patients at the mother and children’s clinic and eye clinic, monies for constuction of a community centre to be used for women’s literacy and small business development—and a computer lab in the local high school. The project culminated in a 17-day trip to Mbour where the students helped at an orphanage, worked at the clinics and came to love the people they spent four years sacrificing for. In the process of helping an African community a world away the students educated their own hearts and built lasting memories.




# YHA *Evening Program*


Greetings	<b>Mark Hearson</b> <i>Emcee, YHA Winner 2006</i>
“O Canada” “Home” “Always” *	<b>Prodigy</b> <i>Directed by Zane Zalis</i>
Introductory remarks	<b>Mark Hearson</b> <i>Emcee, YHA Winner 2006</i>
MTS Greetings	<b>Brian Ardern, MTS President</b>
1st Presenter	<b>Linda Romeo</b> <i>YHA Committee Member</i>
YHA Individual Award	<b>Avaline Wright</b> <i>Bannatyne School</i>
2nd Presenter	<b>Andrea Overby</b> <i>YHA Committee Member</i>
YHA Individual Award	<b>Kendell Thomas</b> <i>Hartney School</i>
3rd Presenter	<b>Peggy Murphy</b> <i>YHA Committee Member</i>
YHA Individual Award	<b>Vanessa Kozak</b> <i>Argyle Alternative School</i>
Fiddling Jigging	<b>Sierra Noble</b> <i>YHA Winner 2001</i> <b>The Half Pints</b>
4th Presenter	<b>Alicia Gawaziuk</b> <i>YHA Committee Chair</i>
YHA Group Award	<b>Students Without Borders</b> <i>Collège Jeanne Sauvé</i>
Japanese drumming	<b>Fubuki Daiko</b>
Closing Remarks	<b>Brian Ardern, MTS President</b>

*\*Song and arrangement by Zane Zalis.*  
*All YHA winners will receive a set of Drug, Fire and Personal Safety books from Community Safety Net, a Division of Gateway Publishing.*  
*Remember to join us for a reception in the lobby after the show.*



# *Evening Program*

***Wednesday, April 25, 2007***  
***Ballroom, Delta Winnipeg Hotel***  
 Opening Ceremonies for  
*Diversity, Democracy, Dignity*  
 2007 MTS Education  
 Conference






### ***Avaline Wright** (Individual Award)*

The youngest YHA recipient this year is **Avaline Wright**, a wonderfully articulate Grade 4 student at Bannatyne School. When Avaline heard friends at school pretending to be drunk and making fun of “drunk people downtown” she was upset. She knew that alcoholism was no laughing matter. Avaline wanted to talk to people with drinking problems on video and show her class that alcoholics are people “just like you and me” but with a serious problem. Avaline’s father, an inner-city pastor, got her to develop her own questions. Avaline then visited various main street shelters and missions where she interviewed people in detox. When asked if she felt uncomfortable, she said, “At first, I worried my questions might be too personal. That some of them might get emotional and start to cry.” The courage and sensitivity that Avaline brought to this project are sure evidence she has the heart of a young humanitarian.



### ***Kendell Thomas** (Individual Award)*

**Kendell Thomas** has a hands-on approach to making her school and community a better place. She volunteers every week at a personal care home in Hartney, singing, dancing and playing the flute for the residents. Last Christmas Eve, when one resident’s mother passed away, Kendell was so worried about him, she went to check on him on Christmas Day. Kendell is always reaching out to her fellow students at Hartney School when she feels they need her help. She has taken students under her wing and has made a tremendous difference in their attitudes. She will also champion any child who she sees being bullied. She knows that being ready to speak up and act can save a child from a miserable experience. Kids love Kendell. She has taken leadership roles with young children at her church and in the community and is a tremendous help to adults running children’s programs.



### ***Vanessa Kozak** (Individual Award)*

Argyle Alternative High School’s **Vanessa Kozak** came to school two years ago a very timid and quiet student with a far from easy past. This year, she has made a 180 degree turnaround. Vanessa is part of the school’s Student Leadership Group working to make positive changes within the school environment. She is involved with the school’s aboriginal group and student advisory committee, Manitoba Telecom Services’ mentorship program, the Urban Shaman Art Gallery where she is a youth board member, and the Assiniboine Credit Union’s training program. She has overcome personal obstacles and has been chosen to represent her school and Canada at the 2007 Global Young Leaders Conference. Always, throughout her school and community activities, Vanessa offers hope and support to others. She is truly a role model, not only for aboriginal youth but for all young people.

