



The James Hillier Foundation

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Dear Hillier Scholarship Recipients;

Since 1997, the James Hillier Foundation has bestowed scholarships for university to Brantford and Brant County high school students wishing to pursue a career in scientific research. This year marks the 27th year for the program and including this year's recipients, 86 local students have been awarded university scholarships. To date, the Foundation has provided over \$1,400,000 in scholarships.

2024 Scholarship Recipients

This year, the Foundation was pleased to offer four scholarships. High school students Nicholas Emmons-Zamorano, from St. Johns College, Leopoldo Mendoza from Assumption College, Cordelia Simmons and Lilly Song both from North Park Collegiate are the recipients of full four-year \$20,000 scholarships from the James Hillier Foundation.



Pictured left to right – Nicholas Emmons-Zamorano, Leopoldo Mendoza, Cordelia Simmons and Lilly Song

The Brantford Expositor conducted interviews with this year's recipients and the article outlined some of their achievements and reports on their aspirations.

[James Hillier Scholarships presented to four high school students | Brantford Expositor](#)

A complete listing of past scholarship recipients may be found at:

www.jameshillierfoundation.com

Foundation News

Jane Goodall returns to the Sanderson Centre.

On April 8th, the same day as the Solar Eclipse, the Foundation partnered with the Sanderson Centre and was thrilled to once again welcome Dr. Jane Goodall back to Brantford in celebration of her 90th birthday. The Foundation supplied 350 tickets to local high school students and their teachers. Her inspirational presentation was appreciated by all.



Tickets were also made available to the public. The event set a record for the Sanderson Centre as it sold out the first day and a cancellation list had to be established.

Vision 2024 STEAM Conference

The Foundation was pleased to support the scientific conference for area high school students that took place in May 1st in downtown Brantford. Seventy-five presenters from a wide variety of educational institutions and industry shared their latest research with over 800 students. Opening and closing ceremonies took place at the Sanderson Centre, while seminars and workshops utilized the downtown Wilfred Laurer campus.



The event was covered by local online media, the Brantford Beacon.

[High school students learn about opportunities in STEAM | BrantBeacon](#)

2024 Scholarship Presentations

This year's scholarship presentations took place at Apotex Pharmachem in Brantford, the site of the James Hillier Foundation archives. Foundation Chair Bob Hillier provided opening comments and past scholarship recipient Taif Ali (2000), shared her insights into her undergraduate experiences and research projects at Western University and provided this year's recipients with her perspective on achieving success.



Bob Hillier



Taif Ali



A Conversation with past recipient Jeremy Gooden

Jeremy Gooden was a 2012 James Hillier Grant recipient. He graduated from The Stephen J.R. Smith Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at Queen's University with an Engineering Chemistry Degree. Since graduation, he has had a wide variety of work experiences. Today, he is a Director at Altas Partners, a Canadian private equity firm, in the Portfolio Solutions Group where he works with management teams of portfolio companies to drive performance and profitability.

He is an elected member of the Board of Trustees and University Council at Queen's University, which are two of the university's three governing and advisory bodies. He is also a Fellow of the Black Wealth Club, an organization helping Canada's top emerging Black leaders to build wealth and reinvest in their communities.

In 2022, the university interviewed him for his views on the impact of scholarships & bursaries on students' lives.

<https://www.queensu.ca/alumni/supporting-queens/stories-of-impact/jeremy-gooden-on-changing-the-trajectory>

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Best Regards,

Bob Hillier

Chair – James Hillier Foundation

“Success favours a prepared mind” – James Hillier