

The BCRPVPA is proud to award thirteen scholarships for the 2025/26 school year. The students that have been selected, are connected with five different post-secondary institutions in BC. This edition highlights five of our winners.

Zeyus Spenta from North Vancouver is one of the top students in his graduating class. Despite a heavy academic load, Zeyus has found many opportunities to support the school community through his role as student council rep. and his work with Student Leadership at the District level. As a Lifeguard and swim instructor, Zeyus clearly knows how to keep his head above water and manages to stay on top of his busy life successfully. Zeyus hopes to help advance biotechnologies, such as nanotech, which leave a lasting legacy. To do so, he is presently pursuing a Bachelor of Science.

Gayeon Kim, a Coquitlam Graduate, as stated by her school Counsellor is “a Renaissance woman.” For her high school career, Gayeon achieved “Honours with Great Distinction” recognition every year. Beyond the academics, Gayeon is by all accounts an all-around student who puts forth 110% in all she does, and she does so many activities in and out of the school, far too much to share in this small accounting of her Secondary School Career. She aspires to one day become a dentist and we wish her all the best in her post-secondary journey.

Xauni de Figueiroa is an exceptional student consistently earning top grades while excelling in a wide range of extracurricular activities. She is graduating from Abbotsford School District where she is an avid outdoor enthusiast, environmentalist and artist. Despite her busy life and family challenges, Xauni manages her time amazingly well and always meets deadlines with work that is of a high standard. Xauni is working on a Bachelor of Science degree before going on to a degree in Medicine this year.

Flourish Aiwize attended the Coquitlam School district and has been a strong advocate for her community for many years. She finds ways to connect with others, going so far as to apply to the United way for a grant to assist her in making presentations. She is a member of her school’s basketball team, a member of a community dance team and a [Sunday](#) school teacher. Flourish accomplishes all of this while maintaining a high standard of academic success. She is now pursuing her goal of one day becoming a pediatrician.

Faik Ham graduated in Vancouver. In 2014 he and his family fled the Syrian civil war and spent 3 years in another country before arriving in Canada in 2017. He had already learned two languages in Syria and had to learn a third language while he waited the three years to be able to come to Canada. At the age of ten, he was now challenged to learn a fourth language in his new country.

In grade 10 Faik joined the community Marathon team. His coach said, “his efforts have been so inspiring, often leading to numerous young people finding the courage and strength needed to join themselves.” At the RayCam Cooperative Centre, Faik also demonstrated “exceptional leadership, reliability, and a strong commitment to the community.” Faik describes his life’s journey so far as being, “shaped by resilience, responsibility, and a deep commitment to my community values.” Faik’s long-term goal is to become a dentist.