



## 4-H Canada Announces 2020 Recipients of Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction

**Ottawa, ON - Oct. 27, 2020** - 4-H Canada is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D.).

The most prestigious and highly-sought scholarship offered by 4-H Canada, four outstanding 4-H members are selected as L.E.A.D. recipients each year in recognition of their personal development, community impact, and leadership excellence in relation to one of 4-H Canada's four Leadership Development Pillars.

Each L.E.A.D. recipient receives a \$20,000 scholarship toward their four-year post-secondary studies. In addition, a key component of the scholarship is the valuable opportunity to engage in an ongoing mentorship with an expert from within their field of study.

"What makes the L.E.A.D scholarship so unique is the mentorship component, which is an invaluable opportunity for youth to connect with their dream mentor as they pursue a bright career future," said Shannon Benner, Chief Executive Officer of 4-H Canada. "The four recipients for 2020 have shown the resiliency, confidence and leadership that 4-H youth are so well known for. Together with the support and dedication of CN, we are proud to recognize these outstanding youth and look forward to following their educational and professional success."

**The 2020 4-H Canada L.E.A.D. recipients are:**



**[Veronika Parkinson](#)**  
**(BC)**

Community  
Engagement &  
Communications Pillar

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Veronika Parkinson*



**[Matthew Sterling](#)**  
**(ON)**

Science & Technology  
Pillar

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**[Amanda McGillivray](#)**  
**(BC)**

Environment &  
Healthy Living Pillar

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Amanda McGillivray*



**[Morgan Hussey](#)**  
**(NS)**

Sustainable  
Agriculture & Food  
Security Pillar

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Morgan Hussey*

The L.E.A.D. scholarship honours youth who have become exceptional leaders through their 4-H experience, and who share the best of themselves with their communities. The scholarship is made possible through a generous partnership with CN, a long-time supporter of 4-H Canada and strong champion for advancing leadership in rural communities across Canada.



“CN is honoured to support such dedicated and innovative youth scholars through our longstanding partnership with 4-H Canada,” said Fiona Murray, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs. “The 2020 L.E.A.D. recipients distinguish themselves as confident and caring youth leaders who are well poised to have a positive impact on their communities, country, and the world, through their educational and career pursuits. We are proud to support their journey and look forward to following and celebrating their success.”

We congratulate the 2020 L.E.A.D Scholarship recipients, and look forward to honouring them during the 4-H Canada Leadership Awards in early 2021.

To learn more about the L.E.A.D. scholarship visit [4-h-canada.ca/lead](http://4-h-canada.ca/lead).

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### **About 4-H Canada**

For over 100 years, 4-H Canada has been one of the most highly respected positive youth development organizations in Canada. 4-H in Canada has close to 23,500 members and more than 8,500 volunteer leaders. Our goal is to help young Canadians “Learn To Do By Doing” in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. We believe in nurturing responsible, caring and contributing youth leaders who are committed to positively impacting their communities across Canada and around the world. To learn more about 4-H Canada, please visit [4-h-canada.ca](http://4-h-canada.ca) and follow our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

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