

## **2017 Senior Youth of the Year – Jamin Tamang**

Jamin Tamang, is a grade 12 student who attends Holy Heart of Mary High School. Jamin is a hardworking, conscientious and responsible individual who has overcome a great deal of adversity in his life. Since his arrival in Canada from Nepal, Jamin worked hard to achieve academic success, flourished in a plethora of extracurricular activities and has dedicated himself to volunteer work.

Jamin spent the first 13 years of his life living in a refugee camp. The harsh realities of this environment cannot be overstated: living in poverty, not knowing when you might have your next meal and dealing with the many dangers that can arise there. Since his arrival in Canada 4.5 years ago he has set his sights on schoolwork and mastering the English language. His hardworking nature compliments his kind and clam disposition nicely, never hesitating to help others in his school, friend circles and in the community.

Jamin has participated in many extracurricular activities including Sharing Our Cultures program, which showcases a wide variety of student's cultural backgrounds, is an active member of the Boys and Girls Club and was involved in their Youth Stories Project. Jamin has also reached Bronze Level with Duke of Edinburgh and is a prominent student at Holy Heart of Mary High School being a member of the After School Program, focusing on studies and homework and attending the Holy Heart ESL Soccer Club every week, consistently exhibiting good sportsmanship.

Jamin has volunteered 2 years with The Association for New Canadians, SWIS Team facilitating a Summer Camp for newcomer children ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Jamin is outstanding working with children, teaching them how to play various sports, participate in different activities and how to play and behave with others appropriately. Jamin is a shining example for these children and consistently proves himself to be an invaluable member of the ANC's summer team.

Despite Jamin's difficult past he has become an extremely sensible and responsible young man with post-secondary education aspirations. An intelligent and dedicated individual, his devotion to volunteer work and his schooling speaks volumes. Jamin is always helping his peers, younger children and spends a lot of his time working to help support his family including his younger siblings. Jamin is a leader whose motivation has such a positive impact on others.

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