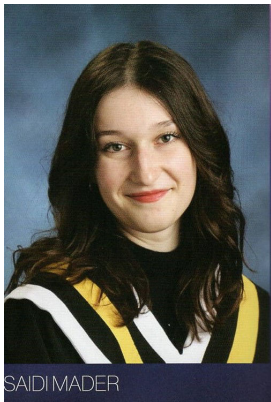




Fine Arts Centennial Award



SAIDI MADER

Dear Alumni Association,

I would like to extend my gratitude and am honored to have been selected for the Fine Arts Centennial Award and wish to thank the Vic High Alumni Association for your generous support. My name is Saidi Mader. I first gained a passion for theater at the age of six after playing the role of "Prince" in a junior play of Cinderella. Since then, I have performed in over 20 productions, and have trained intently in music and dance to prepare for a career in the performing arts.

Recently, I was accepted into Studio 58 at Langara College in Vancouver. Studio 58 is a 3-year, intensive, conservatory style program with an option to continue on to do a fourth year at Capilano University for a Bachelor of Performing Arts.

Attending Studio-58 has been a major goal of mine and I am thrilled to attend. After completing this program I intend to pursue professional acting opportunities in Canada and abroad.

Victoria High School's musical theater program has given me community, wonderful teachers and mentors, and opportunities to explore unique forms of theater that I wouldn't have otherwise been exposed to. I have greatly appreciated my drama teacher's support and kindness as she has pushed me to become a better performer and person. In the future I look forward to maintaining a connection with the Vic High musical theater program and to be an audience member for their upcoming theatrical productions.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
Saidi Mader