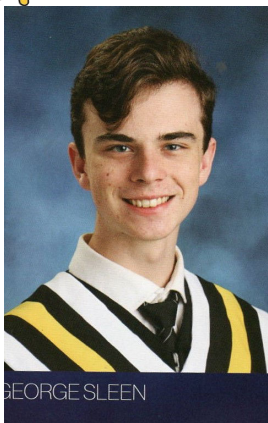




Laura A. Gardom Memorial Bursaries



Dear family of Mrs. Gardom,

I am honoured to have been selected for the Laura A. Gardom award and would like to thank you for your generous support.

I was born here in Victoria, but lived in Ottawa and Toronto for a few years before moving back here for high school. Moving to different cities was difficult for me as it meant I didn't have any of the friends I knew from before, but it allowed me to get out of my comfort zone and explore what I was interested in. I've always been interested in a career in science, and tried to be a part of as many opportunities as I could because of that. I was able to join the astronomy club and help out with observations at night, attend a seminar on cancer research through my biology class, and this year I start my own robotics club. This was something that I really enjoyed as I got to

improve my own technical and personal skills while sharing what I know with other people who are interested in robotics. While at Vic High I also got to be a part of the great band program, where I played the trumpet, and the french immersion program, where I helped out with running some of the events around the school and got to meet lots of great new friends.

This September I am attending the University of British Columbia for an undergraduate degree in engineering. I hope that I'll be able to improve my personal projects with the skills I'll learn, and have a career where I can look at what I've made and be proud that I helped make it. This award will allow me to better explore the academic opportunities by allowing me to join extracurricular activities and take on less student debt while at school. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,
George Sleen