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Hamilton student receives prestigious school safety award

Provincial award recognizes exceptional dedication, leadership and responsibility

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TORONTO, ON, June 28, 2017 – Twelve-year-old Vanessa Krukowski knows what it takes to keep her peers safe.

Over the past year, she has served as a CAA School Safety Patroller at St. Bernadette Catholic School, helping students ride the bus safely to and from school. Today, she was awarded the Ontario CAA School Safety Patroller of the Year Award for her leadership and initiative.

“Vanessa is a new patroller but has a passion for her duties,” said Leslie Rocha, community relations specialist, CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO). “Not only does she dedicate time to keeping people safe on the way to and from school, she went above and beyond to educate her classmates about the program and the importance of safety in school zones. She is a true leader and CAA is delighted to provide this much-deserved provincial award.”

After completing the safety patroller training, Vanessa developed a power point presentation that explained the importance of the safety patrollers and school zone safety. She presented to each classroom in her school and administered a short quiz to create friendly competition. Over 300 students were educated about school safety thanks to her initiative.

Vanessa also received the local Hamilton Patroller of the Year Award in May of this year, which is awarded by the Hamilton Police Service.

The CAA School Safety Patrol® program is a joint effort between CAA, the police, school boards, teachers, parents and approximately 20,000 dedicated student volunteers. Those involved give their time to ensure their peers remain safe at road crossings and on school buses throughout Ontario.

Approximately 800 schools in Ontario participate in the CAA School Safety Patrol program and CAA SCO partners with over 55 police services to deliver the program. For more information, visit www.caaschoolsafetypatrol.com.



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