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Award Recipients Announced at Youth of Distinction Awards

Calgary, AB, Canada (May 7, 2019). Youth Central is pleased to announce eight incredible youth award recipients of the Youth of Distinction Awards (YODA)!

Now in its 16th year, the Youth of Distinction Awards (YODA) is about recognizing Calgarians ages 12 - 18 for their non-academic achievements, and instead focuses on their success in leadership, friendship, overcoming adversity, and community service. This year's award recipients include: Margo Neiles (Advocacy), Katelyn Stuart (Leadership), Michelle Choi (Arts and Culture), Amy Han (Environment), Paige Haines (Peer Support), Leticia Estrada (Perseverance), Karina Boeckx (Sportsmanship), and Maryanne Leathwaite (Volunteer).

Amy Han, Recipient of the Youth of Distinction Award in the Environment category, had the following to say about the event, "I think the mission of Youth Central and YODA are really amazing for recognizing youth in the Calgary community. After receiving this award, I feel even more motivated to make a positive impact and be an even better leader for my peers."

This year, Youth Central received over 130 nominations. The YODA steering committee, comprised of 10 youth volunteers, reviewed and selected 24 finalists, and then selected one recipient for each award category.

The award recipients were announced on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the YODA ceremony held at the Calgary Zoo. To view the finalists' videos, please visit Youth Central's YouTube channel at <http://ow.ly/l1X130oEKq3>.

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About Youth Central

Youth Central, established in 1992, is a charitable non-profit organization playing a vital role in shaping the lives of Calgary's youth, aged 12-18, by empowering them to be active citizens through leadership and volunteer programs. Youth Central builds Calgary's leaders of today and tomorrow.

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