



## NEWS RELEASE

### *Minister Bond recognizes CSF students for their leadership*

**April 8 (Richmond, BC)** On March 31, students from the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) (BC's Francophone School District, SD No 93) who took part in the very first edition of "À vélo pour les sans-abri" (Cycling for the Homeless) expedition were honoured for their outstanding contribution to the community by Education Minister Shirley Bond. During this provincial ceremony, held in the Victoria Legislature, Minister Bond recognized a select group of students, teachers and administrators who displayed great leadership in the field of education. The only students so honoured by the Minister and Deputy Premier were CSF students.

The CSF students honoured by Minister Bond are: Mackenzie Adamson, Brooks Secondary School, Powell River; Samuel Daigle, and Michael Legault, Kitsilano Secondary School, Vancouver; Jeremy Desrochers and Julien Martin, Carihi Secondary School, Campbell River; and Kassym Dorsel and Sacha Roberts, *École L'Anse-au-sable*, Kelowna. Also recognized for their leadership were the expedition organizers: Michel Thibeault, director of the Centre for Leadership and Adventure in Nature (CLAN); Manon Landry, adaptation counsellor for the CSF; and Laurent Brisebois, Vice-Principal of École Kitsilano Secondary.

During this 500 km bike ride and mutual aid expedition, that took place from February 22 to 29, the cyclists tackled the Sunshine Coast, and rode on Vancouver Island as well as in Greater Vancouver. The students gave public talks on the reality of homelessness and raised funds for this cause. While meeting a physical challenge, the students improved the lives of homeless people by collecting funds totalling approximately \$3,000, as well as donations for *La Boussole* Community Centre, a centre which helps out needy Francophones from across British Columbia. Part of the sum collected was also distributed in the communities to help the homeless living elsewhere in the province.

For further information on this educational and human adventure, please follow the link:  
<http://cerberus.csf.bc.ca/sansabri/>.

*Created in 1995, the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique offers educational programs and services aimed at fostering the growth and cultural identity of the province's Francophone learners. An active partner in the development of British Columbia's Francophone community, the Conseil has presently in its system, and distributed across 78 communities in the province, over 4,000 students and 39 schools, of which 21 are homogeneous schools.*

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