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## Peterborough secondary school teacher receives OTIP award for teaching excellence

**TORONTO, October 20, 2020** — Cameron Douglas, a teacher at Peterborough Alternative Continuing Education (PACE) at Peterborough Collegiate & Vocational Institute (PACE @ PCVS) has been honoured with the OTIP Teaching Award in the Secondary Teacher category.

Cam's passion for teaching and for protecting and saving the environment has spearheaded the Youth Leadership in Sustainability program (YLS) in Peterborough. The program, one semester in the fall, is open to senior students and offers four OSSD high school credits; however, students leave the program with so much more. His program offers students the knowledge and tools to work for a more sustainable future.

Cam moves learning beyond the classroom or bringing relevant guests into the classroom by connecting with classes worldwide, learning from professionals in their area of expertise such as David Suzuki, and working with like-minded community organizations. Students apply their learning by writing advocacy letters and press releases as well as by speaking effectively to people in power.

"Cam taught me so much about the world around me and gave me a new perspective on issues and solutions...." stated his student nominator. "I pay attention to the news, care about issues in my community and globally, and know how and want to take action for what I believe in."

More information and a video honouring Cameron are posted on the Teaching Awards website: [teachingawards.ca](https://teachingawards.ca).

Because of the pandemic, the winners were not presented their awards. OTIP and OTF hope to honour him in the spring.

The Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation co-sponsor the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence in teaching in the publicly funded school system. Three awards are presented: secondary school teacher, elementary school teacher and beginning teacher.

OTF is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all publicly funded schools in the province – elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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