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Re: Upinnaqtuq Award, Presented by the Law Society of Nunavut

Students being nominated: Cassidy Klinger and Haley Hachey

May 3, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to nominate two students at our school for the Upinnaqtuq Award. The students' names are Cassidy Klinger and Haley Hachey. Both are just now completing grade 10. Cassidy and Haley are incredible young women who are truly an inspiration. They have demonstrated maturity far beyond their age and a commitment that could be emulated by those much older than her.

I am the ELA teacher at the high school here in Baker Lake. Cassidy and Haley were in my class in the first semester and they were the hardest working students in the class. They consistently not only kept up with their assignments, but worked ahead. They always took their work seriously and their marks reflected that sheer determination. But I am not recommending these students for this award solely because of academic performance. I am sure that all over Nunavut there are teachers who have students who do very well academically.

The reason I am recommending Cassidy and Haley for this award is because they have been the driving force behind this year's school yearbook. Cassidy and Haley were both instrumental in getting our school to produce a yearbook this year and both have worked hard on the yearbook. They have gone above and beyond with their commitment to getting this yearbook finalized. They have worked on it at nighttime and on the weekends. They have been emailing companies for sponsorship and following up on the calls.

The Foundation is asking for nominations of individuals who embody "peace, leadership, [&] conflict resolution". Both Cassidy and Haley, through their dedication and commitment to getting this yearbook completed, embody these characteristics. They are incredible young women and we need more individuals like them as the future leaders of Nunavut. Cassidy Klinger and Haley Hachey's determination should be applauded and celebrated.

If you would like any further information or if you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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