



Avery Carswell

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Archie Galbraith Memorial Scholar

Thanks to the generosity of support from Capital Regional District's Archie Galbraith Memorial Scholarship, Avery's journey at Pearson College has already been filled with rich learning and deep personal growth rooted by a powerful sense of community at beautiful Pedder Bay in Metchosin.

Born on the shores of the Salish Sea, Avery has always felt a strong connection to the ocean. Driven by a passion for marine life, she looks forward to a future dedicated to studying marine science and contributing to the health of our oceans. Being able to study Marine Science and Biology in such a unique environment Avery was also drawn to Pearson College for the opportunity to live alongside students from more than 91 countries. This term Avery rounds out her studies learning Mathematic, Global Politics, French and Theory of Knowledge while taking advantage of unique CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) program activities like Expedition Kayaking and Pottery.

I wouldn't be able to be here if it weren't for this scholarship. My life has opened up to so many more opportunities, not just academically, but also with the lifelong friendships and global connections I'll make.

The UWC experience has shifted Avery's experience of the world. *"In just a few months here, I no longer see the world as a globe full of countries, but a globe full of people. Countries aren't just spaces on a map anymore."* With this broader outlook and a passion for marine science, Avery is excited to give back to the interconnected world that inspires her.

In her own words, *"I want to send the biggest thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Giving young adults the opportunity to make the most of life is a kindness like no other. Your faith and generosity in people they have never met is something I hold much gratitude for."*

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