

PEARSON COLLEGE



Avery Carswell

Year 51 / 2025 (Canada-Courtenay, BC)

Archie Galbraith Memorial Scholar

“I want to pursue a career in marine science. I’ve always been passionate about marine life and the health of the ocean. It is a great privilege to say I live on an island in the Salish Sea. Being able to study marine science here is one of the reasons I wanted to go to Pearson College. To be able to help the rich, diverse and interconnected world we live in would be an incredible experience and achievement.”

We are so pleased to share an update with you on Avery, whose scholarship you generously supported last year and again this year. She has continued to thrive at Pearson and is making remarkable progress both academically and personally.

Avery finished her first year with straight A’s, a reflection of her dedication, curiosity, and determination. In Biology, she has shown impressive growth, mastering complex material.

Her independent research project on the effects of pH on catalase (which is a fundamental antioxidant enzyme in nearly all organisms) activity was deemed as methodical and thoughtful. As her teacher noted, Avery now sees biology not simply as a subject, but as a way of better understanding the world.

In Global Politics, Avery excels.

She has a strong voice in class discussions and has produced sophisticated written work, including a recent article she co-authored on the Syrian refugee crisis, which was praised for its research depth, and clarity.



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This year, Avery has already taken on a lot of student responsibility: leading a student initiative called Kelp Huggers which educates and advocates for the well being of our local kelp forests. As a Kelp Hugger leader, Avery organizes student wide activities like snorkelling in the kelp forests, kelp mapping, kelp pickling, and growing kelp from spores.

Thanks to your support, Avery has been able to embrace this experience fully, where she's exploring new subjects, growing in confidence, and gaining a deeper understanding of herself and the world around her.

Avery is building a strong foundation for her future, and it's clear that her Pearson journey is shaping her into a compassionate and capable global citizen.



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