

STEPHEN LEACOCK ASSOCIATES

Awarding the Leacock Medal for Humour in Canada



2017 Student Competition Winners

The Board of Directors of the Leacock Associates today (May 15, 2017) announced the 2017 Stephen Leacock Student Humour Short Story Competition Results.

Winner: **Ben Wrixon**, of Aldershot High School, Burlington, wins \$1000 for *The Name Game*.

Second Place: **Lauren Radigan**, of Fenelon Falls Secondary School, wins \$700 for *Shocking New Discovery: The Elusive Elderly Teenager*.

Third Place: **Narayan V. Subramoniam**, of Georges Vanier Secondary School, North York, wins \$300 for *The Hair King Experience*.

As overall winner, Ben Wrixon will also receive two tickets to the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal Banquet gala to be held at the Geneva Park Conference Centre, June 10, 2017, accommodation for two nights, and an autographed copy of the 2017 Leacock Medal winner's book. The three winners will be honoured at an author's night at The Mariposa Inn on Friday, June 9, where they will meet the shortlisted authors for the Leacock Medal for Humour: Gary Barwin, Amy Jones, and Drew Hayden Taylor. Tickets are available from the Stephen Leacock Museum, Orillia, at 705-329-1908.

In alphabetical order, the other finalists are:

- Taylor D'Andrea of Fenelon Falls Secondary School, Fenelon Falls
- Quinlan Grimbleby of Waterdown High School, Waterdown
- Alyssa Izatt of Aurora High School, Aurora
- Benita Jude of Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, Markham
- Brandon McWeeney of Aldershot High School, Burlington
- Hassan Nigin of Westminster Secondary School, London
- Kamla Persaud of York Memorial Collegiate Institute, Toronto

Congratulations to all our winners, finalists and participants. Commenting on the submissions received, Competition Registrar Christine Spear said, "the calibre of the pieces this year was very high. The judges did not have an easy time of it. Our hope is that all participants will keep on writing and enter again next year if they are still in high school."

This year's contest was sponsored by Thor Motors (Orillia's only Ford dealership) and TD Bank.