

# Class of 2021 Notable Alumni



**Wendy C. | Costa Rica**  
McMaster University, Life Sciences Gateway  
Class of 2021 Valedictorian, Ontario Scholar

"When I initially came to J. Addison School in September 2018, I felt a tremendous fear from leaving my home country of Costa Rica. Nevertheless, that fear subsided by the warm reception and care from faculty and staff, which made my transition to be such a positive undertaking. Over the past 3 years at J. Addison School, I was able to meet students from various countries such as Peru, Iran, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, China, Canada, Italy and the Bahamas. More importantly, I've cherished the many lessons that I've learnt at this school, which I will continue to apply to my daily life such as self-discipline, maintaining self-respect, helping others in the community and making well-informed decisions."



**Sohaila A. | Egypt**  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Science  
Class of 2021 Salutatorian, J. Addison Jaguars Award, Ontario Scholar

"Personally, I am enormously appreciative to all of the staff and students at J. Addison School, who have made my experience for 1 ½ years such a great joy. Since entering this school, I was able to gain many valuable life-long skills to positively develop as an individual such as leadership, communication, relationship building and problem solving. J. Addison School has also taught me that the pursuit of academic and personal success requires hard-work and discipline. This institution was my first international home that provided a strong foundation for me to realize that I am more than capable to confront any obstacle that may arise in my life."



**Jia Hao L. | China**  
George Brown, Culinary Arts  
Residence Life Leadership Award, Ontario Scholar

"The memories that I've made at J. Addison School will always be in my heart. I am truly grateful to the awesome teachers and dorm staff, who have helped me to become a well-rounded individual. During my time at J. Addison School, I was able to take part in a wide range of student and dorm life activities, which has led me to pursue a career in Culinary Arts at George Brown College. In addition, I can state that this school has built my self-confidence and character to succeed in my post-secondary life."



**Emmanuelle F. | Canada**  
Wilfrid Laurier University, Business Administration  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Ontario Scholar

"During my two years at J. Addison School, I can undoubtedly attest that it was a positive and life-changing experience, which I will never forget. Moreover, I would like to thank the hardworking faculty and staff for always being supportive as well as encouraging, especially Mr. Laffin and Coach Francis. Equally as important, I will miss engaging with other students from all over the world, basketball games, student life events and the opportunities to take part in community outreach activities. Overall, I believe that J. Addison School has prepared me for the challenges that I will encounter in the future, and it has helped to shape me into the person I am today."



**Natalija S. | North Macedonia**  
Duquesne University, Kinesiology  
Student Leadership Award, Ontario Scholar

"J. Addison School was my first study abroad experience that created a sense of ease because the faculty and staff explained thoroughly about the expectations of the school and boarding life. One of the greatest aspects about J. Addison that I will forever miss, is the multi-cultural environment and the opportunities to learn different languages. Additionally, the positive interactions within the school environment created a nurturing experience where I felt contented, safe, respected and loved. I can indicate that the academics, athletic training in basketball and extra-curricular activities have fully prepared me for the next chapter of my post-secondary life."