

## Matias Nyyssonen - Finnish Student

Matias Nyyssonen from Finland was an integral part of his high school hockey team this year. Matias played goalie for the Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School Vikings. Eastlink Television, a local station, highlighted him recently on their Eastlink Magazine show:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0qnH8tcf\\_M&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0qnH8tcf_M&feature=youtu.be)

## Student Videos

NSISP students are extremely talented and creative. Many of our students look for ways to document their time in Nova Scotia to remember the experience and share it with their friends and family when they return home.

Asne Haugen from Norway shared her video diary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD1Hg1UPqeU&feature=youtu.be>

Camille Bertoux from Belgium made a few videos when she first arrived:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

## Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Partnership

The NSISP is pleased to announce our new partnership with the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF). The partnership was formed to help promote mutually shared goals and values with regard to student involvement in sport. Both organizations believe in diversity and cross-cultural understanding and feel sport is a powerful tool to promote these values to student athletes. For most international students the opportunity to participate in school sport is not available in their home countries and is a big part of the experience they hope to have by studying in Nova Scotia. It helps the student integrate into their school and community, builds confidence, and forms new friendships. Students who participated in NSSAF sports were presented with a medal and certificate. A small group of students also attended the NSSAF Celebration of Sport Luncheon at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

NSSAF Banquet



Prince Andrew Sports Awards



SAERC Sports Awards

## Welcoming Schools

Started in 2012, in celebration of our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Welcoming Schools program encourages schools to evaluate the experiences and support they currently have in place for our international student. Through the process schools reflect on ways they can improve how they welcome and host international students. Our goal is to have all participating NSISP schools designated as a Welcoming Schools. In two years 14 schools across the province have completed the process and have received the Welcoming Schools designation. Paul Millman, NSISP Executive Director, recently awarded the Welcoming Schools plaque to Strait Area Education Recreation Centre (SAERC) in Port Hawksbury and Dr. T.L.Sullivan Junior High School in Florencence.

Dr. T.L. Sullivan Junior High



SAERC



## Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony

In early May, a group of five delegates from the Turkish Education Association (TED) schools visited Nova Scotia to tour schools, meet students, and sign a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the NSISP. An official signing ceremony was held at Lockview High School with the Honorable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, in attendance to speak to the group. The ceremony ended with Paul Millman, NSISP Executive Director and Mr. Selçuk Pehlivanoglu, President of TED schools signing the MOU. The TED Schools are one of the largest and most prestigious associations of private schools in Turkey. They are located in all major cities in Turkey and enroll over 25,000 students annually. With the signing of this MOU the relationship with TED schools will continue to expand with more Turkish students enrolling in NSISP in the future.



Paul Millman, Hon. Karen Casey, and Selçuk Pehlivanoglu



More than 50 international students participated in the annual EduNova Student LEAD Conference held at Saint Mary's University in May. The event is designed to help students build leadership skills, forge new friendships and learn more about post-secondary education in Nova Scotia.



A group of international students participated in the annual EduNova soccer tournament.



Joyce Millman, Vice-principal CEC; Caroline Hong, and Andrea Ashton, NSISP Marketing & Communications Officer

For the past seven years Da Hye (Caroline) Hong has called Truro, Nova Scotia her home. She graduates this year from Cobequid Educational Centre and will be studying medicine at Dalhousie University in the fall.

Caroline has made an impact in her years here and was awarded the Teresa Marshall Award from her high school. The award recognizes a graduating student who has shown excellence in the visual arts while maintaining an 85% average. The recipient also demonstrates a level of dedication and excellence in aspects of both community and school involvement and dedication to the local arts community.

The NSISP recently purchased a piece of her artwork—palm tree on canvas done with pastel, water colour and colour pencil.