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**TOYOTA EARTH DAY 2006 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
RECOGNIZED DURING EARTH WEEK**
Ontario Students Rewarded For Their Environmental Stewardship

TORONTO – The Ontario government recognized the four Ontario winners of the *Toyota Earth Day Scholarship* for their dedication and contribution to the environment, Environment Minister Laurel Broten announced today.

“These students are role models to us all. I would like to congratulate and thank them for the great contributions they have made to the environment,” said Broten. “Earth Week is a great time to remember that the actions of one individual can make a big difference to the environment, whether it is recycling the paper we accumulate, turning down the air conditioner or going above and beyond like these four students.”

This year’s four Ontario winners of the *Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program* are **Zoë Barrett-Wood**, from Flesherton, who uses her creativity to make eco-purses and accessories from pre-used materials; **Mark Ouseley**, from Ottawa, who puts conservation ideas into action by participating in a variety of volunteering and fundraising activities; **Allyson Parker**, from Cobourg, a bird sanctuary volunteer who joined a Canadian Geographic expedition to Antarctica; and, **Jasmeet Sidhu**, from Brampton, whose personal mission is to educate and motivate other youth to care about the environment.

“I am impressed by how much this generation is dedicated to making a difference to the environment,” said Broten. “These are tomorrow’s environmental leaders and advocates.”

The Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program annually grants 15 awards of \$5,000 to students from across Canada who have demonstrated excellence in environmental community service. For more information on the program, please visit <http://www.earthday.ca/scholarship/>.

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