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Souris, Hartney Students Win Awards in Careers Program

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Four students from Souris and Hartney have received special recognition from a provincial education and careers program, including an award that caught one grade-sixer by surprise.

Eduardo Espita-Mora from Souris School won the Career Trek Terrific Teacher Award for participating, displaying a positive attitude and demonstrating a sincere desire to learn.

“I asked how, how come you got that award?” says his mother, Lucero Mora-Afiuni. “He says, ‘I’m not sure Mom but I think it’s because I kept asking questions’. He’s not very shy. Anything that he wants to know, he just asks.”

Eduardo was given the award during Saturday’s convocation for 160 Career Trek students at Brandon’s Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.

Career Trek is a province-wide program giving 10 and 11 year olds the opportunity to sample a wide variety of potential careers through hands-on activities, including weekend classes at Assiniboine Community College and Brandon University.

Last fall, Eduardo and students from three dozen Westman schools were nominated to take part. His mother, who came to Souris from Columbia in 2004, says Eduardo was thrilled because he plans to continue his education after Grade 12.

“He wants that,” says Lucero, “and I want that, too! He learned a lot about different careers and now he has an idea about what he wants to do when he finishes high school.”

During 12 weeks of classes, students experienced occupations ranging from anthropologist to TV weathercaster, teacher to cop, nurse to politician.

“He took a lot of notes,” says Lucero, adding that Eduardo is interested in teaching but more inclined towards computer design. “Now he knows what subjects to choose to get into a certain program.”

Souris student Galia Grabowski also captured an award during Saturday’s convocation; the Booming Business Award for creativity and innovative thinking in the field of business administration.

From Hartney, Ashley Baker won the Perfect Politician Award for “enthusiastic participation, willingness to voice your ideas and for respectfully listening to the opinions of others in the political studies lessons.”

Keagan Grills, also a student at Hartney School, captured the Wheatie of the Year Award for her positive contributions in the agribusiness program.