

Student educated in Gatineau receives Rhodes scholarship

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MONTREAL — Gatineau-educated My Chi To, 22, is one of two Quebecers chosen for the coveted Rhodes scholarship this year.

The Montreal native has always been a top student: in her public-sector primary and secondary schools and in the private, all-girls Ecole Secondaire St. Joseph in Hull, where she was awarded the Governor-General's Medal.

My Chi To was the top-ranking student in applied sciences at the Hull CEGEP and went into the civil law program at the University of Ottawa, winning a gold medal.

One year later, she got a common-law degree at the university and became a clerk for Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dube of the Supreme Court of Canada.

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She was considering a master's program in law, but might spend two years at an Oxford college studying philosophy, political science and economics.

The other Quebecer is Lisa Grushcow, 21, vice-president of university affairs for the Students' Society at McGill University.

The Rhodes is awarded to 95 students worldwide, mostly from Commonwealth countries and the United States. It is worth about \$24,000 a year for study at an Oxford University college for two or three years.

It was established in 1903 as part of the will of Cecil Rhodes, in which he specified that an interest in sports and culture as well as leadership qualities should be considered along with academic achievement for the award.

Joining the Quebec winners this year is Shariq Lodhi, 21, a fourth-year chemistry student at McGill University, who has won in the Atlantic region.

Lodhi, from Saint John, N.B., is on the dean's honor list, studies cello and has helped organize concerts to comfort the dying in the Royal Victoria Hospital's palliative care unit.

He has rowed for McGill and New Brunswick and has also competed on McGill's cross-country ski team. Before returning to Canada to study medicine, Lodhi hopes to enrol in the politics, philosophy and economics program at Oxford's University College.

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Mothers give sons confidence to become handymen

A woman came home and discovered her husband struggling to assemble a shelving unit. A piece of paper had drifted into the far corner. "What's that?" she asked.

"I don't know," he muttered. "Probably just a piece of trash."

As she bent to retrieve the paper she saw that it was indeed a bit of trash, at least by a man's definition. It was the instructions.

After nearly half a century of watching the men in my world do things without instructions, I have come to the conclusion they are born already knowing how to do a multitude of things. Or at least, thinking that they can.

I asked a couple of very handy men who live in my neighborhood why it is men think they can do just about anything. They looked at me strangely and said, "We don't."

Another woman standing nearby rolled her eyes.

I suggested that all we had to do was mention something around the house needed to be fixed or updated and our husbands would instantly become carpenters, plumbers or electricians. The other woman agreed. She had seen that happen.



Karen Wattie
VOICES

The men said they would never tackle anything they didn't know how to do. But that's just my point. They all seem to think that they do, indeed, know how.

Many men, of course, learn things from their fathers. But one man I know, who was raised without a father, still manages to fix whatever needs attention around his house. I asked him to explain how he manages. "Because I need to," he said. "It's all I can afford."

I can do a lot of things too, but I had to take courses or read books to gain these skills. Men just seem to know. Instructions, apparently, are printed for women, especially those who don't have a man handy.

Only when men are truly stuck or re-

alize they have done damage will they seek advice from an instruction book or an expert.

My husband works in the automotive field. He tells stories of men who try to fix their own vehicles. Sometimes they get into areas they do not understand and actually make things worse.

Sometimes they can get things apart but not back together. They come to the garage with a box full of parts and a sheepish grin. I am sure other professionals can tell the same type of story.

When men take a notion to do something, they go to it, usually with no thought of the consequences. I have had my plumbing held together with heater hose. Okay, so it worked, but it was hard on my nerves.

When I asked female friends why they think men believe they can do anything, I got the same answer time and again. "Their mothers told them they could."

The opinion is that men feel they have this image to live up to. If they find they are missing the cellular memory or basic instinct to handle all these rudimentary survival skills, they decide to cover up. They will tackle anything rather than let Mother down.

I checked this theory out by asking the handymen who live nearby. They seemed to agree. "Just think back," they said, "I'm sure even you have told your son he could do or be anything he wanted."

I admit I'm guilty. Now it will be all my fault if, in the future, he tackles a job his wife would rather he left to a professional.

So why is it that women don't grow up knowing they can do these things instinctively too? My father always led me to believe I could succeed at anything I tried. And I guess I have, come to think of it.

But there are a great many things I have never even thought of trying.

So apparently it comes down to believing in yourself. Women often work under the assumption that they can't do something.

Men work under the assumption that they can. It makes all the difference in the world.

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