

Tim He: EducationMatters' Future Leader Scholarship Recipient



Meet EducationMatters' second Future Leaders Scholarship recipient, Tim He. Tim's favourite book is *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr Seuss. "It was literally the first English book I ever read by myself, and I loved it. Its message can be succinctly summarized as, keep an open mind and try out new things; I don't know about you but I certainly loved every bit of the green eggs and ham." EducationMatters couldn't wait to learn more about this bright young mind who believes that volunteering is the key to developing your passions and gaining a sense of accomplishment.

EM: *Where are you attending university or college, and what studies are you pursuing?*

He: McGill University, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology and Immunology.

EM: *What are your future career aspirations? What influenced you to decide on this career path in life?*

He: My dream is to become a medical doctor. I want to conduct cutting edge research while taking care of sick patients.

I am motivated in part by my desire to make a difference in the world. On a large scale, any medical advances I make will be beneficial to society as a whole. On a smaller individual basis, the patients I treat will enjoy healthier and more fulfilling lives.

EM: *How has winning the EducationMatters Future leader Scholarship enhanced your educational experience?*

He: For starters, it helped with the bills. An out of province education is reasonably priced at McGill but certainly is still not cheap. However, more importantly, the award serves as a source of encouragement. It feels great to be recognized for my contributions at

school and in the community. This recognition affirms my faith in the intrinsic value of active participation and leadership. I am encouraged to continue down the path I have taken and to assume even more challenging leadership roles in future.

EM: *In your opinion, why is it important for scholarships to exist?*

He: Scholarships accomplish two imperative goals. First, scholarships provide the opportunity for the less wealthy students to attend university and obtain a post-secondary education. This scholarship is one piece of the puzzle that finances my studies at McGill. I can only imagine in horror the size of my student loan without these supplements. Second, scholarships recognize general merit and this one especially acknowledges leadership qualities. Therefore, scholarships reward students with notable academic, athletic or extracurricular accomplishments and act as incentives for others to perform similarly.

EM: *What words of gratitude would you extend to those that made the EducationMatters' Future Leaders scholarship possible?*

He: I can only extend my measly "Thank you." There are plenty of

scholarships and awards available for academic excellence, athletic performance, artistic accomplishment and even environmental conservation. However, your award fills a very necessary niche that recognizes youth leaders in Calgary. I must extend my gratitude again for your dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders.

EM: *How do you plan to lead future generations?*

He: In the short term, I want to volunteer and take leadership roles in a variety of Montreal based organizations.... In the long run, I want to become a leading health care professional. I wish to revolutionize the medical field with my research and influence the medical industry with my contributions. I know I dream big, but remember that those who shoot for the moon will at least land amongst the stars.

Tim will be honoured at this year's Calgary Board of Education's Distinguished Alumni event on October 26, 2011 at Hotel Arts. All funds raised from the event support EducationMatters' Future leaders Fund and students like Tim.