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NATURE THROUGH A LENS

A 22 year-old Moscrop graduate, **Connor Stefanison**, has become the first North American to win an award that recognizes the best wildlife photographers in the world. The prestigious Eric Hosking Portfolio Award, for the age category 18 to 26, was presented to Connor last week in London, England. An avid outdoorsman, Connor has travelled extensively for his photography. However, his winning portfolio, is comprised entirely of shots taken at Deer Lake.

Connor began taking Photography in grade 11 and he still returns to Moscrop to visit his teacher **Mr. Robinson**. Presently taking biology at SFU, his aspiration is to work for *National Geographic* one day. To see more of his work and follow his progress, check him out on Facebook.

“BYSN” SUPPORTS CITY SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The City of Burnaby is impressed by the commitment and dedication of students in the district's Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network. In fact, they are so impressed, they have invited four BYSN members to take part in the planning process of the *Burnaby Environmental Sustainability Strategy* (ESS). Each subcommittee will have one “voice of youth” at the table. They include *Ecosystems* represented by **Nhi Nguyen** from Byrne Creek, *Urban Development* represented by **Jeewon Jung** from Burnaby North, *Health and Well-being* represented by **Tumai Baptiste** from Moscrop, and *Green Economy, Food Systems and Waste* represented by **Shivani Mysuria** from Cariboo Hill.

We look forward, with great pride, to the unveiling of the strategy.

WE DAY~AND THE POWER OF WE

More than 880 students from 42 district schools earned their ticket to attend Free the Children's annual “Me to We” Day held October 18 at Rogers Arena. They were among 20,000 BC youth and educators who are inspired to lead local and global change through speakers that included Martin Luther King III, former Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Anna, the Hon. Romeo A. Dallaire, double amputee Spencer West - and **Jadene Lim**, a grade 12 Burnaby North student.

Jadene shared with the audience her experience in India last summer, where she, and four school mates, and teacher sponsor **Ms. Versteeg**, helped to build a school in Udaipur. It was a trip of a lifetime that she won at last year's “Me to We” event.