

## **MEDIA RELEASE – May 31, 2023**

### **CCHS Student to Participate in Month-Long STEAM and Entrepreneurship Program at Mount Allison University**

A student from Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) has been selected from thousands of applicants across the country to participate in a month-long STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and entrepreneurship program at one of 22 participating Canadian universities.

Kiara Reain, a Grade 11 student from Canmore Collegiate High School, will participate in the Shad Canada program—an Ontario-based organization offering experiential STEAM and entrepreneurship learning opportunities—through programming at Mount Allison University.

Kiara is one of 1,300 other highly motivated Grade 10 and 11 across the country who will take place in the Shad program. She was selected thanks to her passion for STEAM. She excels in both math and the sciences, including Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

Her current post-secondary goal is to attend university for Math/Physics or Environmental Sciences. She thinks she would like to become a professor in the future.

This incredible opportunity will help students prepare for post-secondary, participate in university-level lectures and labs, hear from professional keynote speakers, and connect with peers from across Canada.

Students at each of the 22 participating universities will take on social and economic challenges with a STEAM lens. Each campus will tackle the same real-world problem and designated design teams, with assigned mentors, will develop STEAM-based solutions.

Participating students will also learn how to pitch their products or designs through presentations to panels, adding an entrepreneurial twist to an education-based program.

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