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Mayo student wins Vimy Pilgrimage Award

WHITEHORSE—Taiya Melancon, a Grade 10 student from J.V. Clark School in Mayo, has been awarded the Vimy Pilgrimage Award for outstanding youth leadership and service.

Melancon and 19 other winning students from across Canada are awarded a fully funded, week-long trip to Vimy, France, to participate in an educational program that studies Canada's First World War effort. This year's program, which is organized by the Vimy Foundation, runs from April 5 to 13.

"On behalf of the Government of Yukon, I congratulate Taiya and wish her all the best on this trip," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "It is a rare opportunity to join other young leaders to see first-hand the sites where events occurred that shaped and defined our identity as Canadians."

The Vimy Pilgrimage Award recognizes the actions of young people who demonstrate outstanding service, positive contributions, notable deeds, bravery or leadership. To apply for the award, students are required to submit an essay that shows how they demonstrate these qualities in their everyday lives.

Three students from the J.V. Clark School applied for the award after their English teacher, Amber Dumouchel, shared the opportunity with her students. Melancon prepared her application over the Remembrance Day holiday. When she returns from Vimy, Melancon will share pictures and stories with her classmates.

Learn more: [The Vimy Pilgrimage Award](#)

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