

2009 AMM Young Community Leader Award Recipient:

Mike Lawson, Springfield Collegiate Institute, Sunrise School Division

Mike Lawson is a Grade 11 student at Springfield Collegiate in Oakbank, where he serves on the student council as a Spirit Representative. He helps students resolve conflicts in his role as a peer support worker, and represents the student council on the board of the Springfield Parent Council as a voting member. Mike also serves on the board of Gakina Awiya Biindigeg, a school group dedicated to promoting an understanding and acceptance of Indigenous cultures. During the current school year, Mike also took the initiative of preparing and delivering to grade nine students a presentation on bullying when he became aware of a problem at that grade level, and he has helped individual students resolve problems in that regard.

Mike's contributions don't stop at the school doors. For three years, Mike has worked as a volunteer for Winnipeg Harvest, collecting food donations at Winnipeg Blue Bomber home games. He volunteers nine hours a month at Siloam Mission, distributing food to those in need, and serves on the Capital Campaign Committee of Field of Visions. Mike also works four hours a week at the Springfield Community Library, and works in the canteen and clears ice at the Oakbank Arena.