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SUS Award Winners & Volunteers Celebrated

The inaugural SUS Student Awards & Volunteer Recognition Night celebrated dozens of students, and culminated with the announcement of major award winners:

- Kelly Chahal Volunteer of the Year Award - Sahil Chawla
- Terry-Lynn Stone Club/Association of the Year Award - Arab Club
- Dr. Brian Minter Excellence in Leadership Award – Heather Campbell



Sahil Chawla believes "It is such an honour to be the first recipient of this award, and for that I can not thank SUS enough. I am reminded that this is just the beginning and a reminder of what is yet to come." Mr. Chawla volunteers with Circle K, Student Life, and in the community with the Abbotsford Hospital, youth bhangra, and karate.

Arab Club President Aziz Alfadel says "We are honoured to have received this award and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all. Without you, it would not have been possible to have such a wonderful year! Shoukran (thank you.)" The Arab Club helped host numerous events this year, held weekly learning sessions about Arab culture and countries, and organized a massive donation drive for Syrian refugees.



Heather Campbell tells her fellow students "Don't doubt for one second that you have the ability to be a light in someone's life. Don't be afraid to dream big!" Ms. Campbell revitalized the Nursing Students' Association as President, including taking on Nursing Student Orientation, and she can be found around campus as a mentor and a support for many students.

The event also featured keynote speaker Craig Kielberger, who co-founded ME to WE and Free the Children. His talk was entertaining and inspiring as he shared leadership lessons from people like Oprah, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, and Sir Richard Branson. Everyone in attendance was able to learn something, and left with a new understanding of leadership and community to bring to this campus.



SUS President, Thomas Davies, believes that these awards will be the start of a new tradition at UFV. "It's crucial that we celebrate student success, and in particular, students who build

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community here at UFV. These awards will both recognize past excellence and inspire future greatness.”

For more information on award winners and event photos, visit the [SUS Facebook page](#).

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