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SO MANY REASONS TO BE PROUD...

Summertime Achievements of some of our Burnaby Schools Students

- Montecito graduate Aubrey Joy Maddock played John the Baptist in the Arts Club Theatre's production of *Godspell*. She credits her grade 3 experience in her schools' production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* as the start to her acting career.
- Moscrop student Ariel Pan was chosen as one of 15 students to spend 3 weeks in the USA as part of a Youth Ambassadors program. Upon completion of the program, participants were encouraged to create a community service project. Ariel already has one in the works that celebrates cultural diversity and inner-school connections through storytelling.
- Burnaby North student Aki Ediriweera learned that his manuscript "Collaborative Opportunities for Youth in the Public Health Care Decision Making Process," will be published in an upcoming publication of the *Canadian Journal of Public Health*.
- Volunteers with the Burnaby Youth Sustainability network tackled the tough task of pulling invasive plants from Deer Lake Park. Aimed at preserving biodiversity, the event was the second planned by BYSN chair Alice Huang and her volunteers, who hail from Moscrop, Alpha and Burnaby South.
- Last spring Luka Vukovic helped his high school place fourth at the BC AAA Tennis Championship. This summer he represented Canada at the U14 World Junior Tennis Championship held in the Czech Republic. Unbeaten in three singles and doubles matches, he put Canada in the semi-final against the US.
- Burnaby Central canoeist Samantha Loutet competed in the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games in August. Her team received a bronze medal.
- Burnaby South's Diego Medrano picked up a silver medal in the 200m hurdles at the Legion Youth National Track Meet held in Quebec. Central's Nathan Mah picked up three bronze medals in multiple running competitions.

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- Last year, Burnaby South's Vince Sunga led the Rebels to the BC high school junior boys' basketball title, and was awarded the provincial tournament MVP award. This summer he helped lead BC to a fifth place finish at the U15 National Basketball Championship in Halifax.
- Terran Campbell, who is part of the Whitecaps Soccer Residency Program at Burnaby Central, just signed a contract to play with the Vancouver Whitecaps. Go Caps!
- North's Viking Marching Band was awarded the best overall entry in the Hats-Off Day parade at a ceremony held July 10 at VanCity in the Heights.
- And more than 100 students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators braved the heat to celebrate diversity by marching in the District's Pride Parade in August.

Diversity is a beautiful thing...