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## STUDENT TRUSTEES FOR 2017-2018 ANNOUNCED

The St. Clair Catholic Board of Trustees has appointed two students to serve as Student Trustees for the 2017-2018 school year. The students – one from St. Patrick's Catholic High School, Sarnia and one from Ursuline College, Chatham – will represent the students of Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent at the Board table and will provide regular monthly reports on interesting and important events and activities at their high schools.

Michelle Rianto will represent St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Pierre Caron will represent Ursuline College. Both students were elected by their peers at their high schools and have been appointed to their positions by the Board of Trustees.

"I want to welcome Michelle and Pierre to the Board table," says Dan Parr, Director of Education. "We look forward to hearing their monthly reports, which keep Trustees and senior administration connected to the life of our schools from the perspective of our students."

Michelle Rianto is a Grade 11 student at St. Patrick's. Michelle is very involved in her school community and has participated in Muskoka Woods and Link Crew, along with the Cyclone Aid and Irish Miracle planning committees. Outside of school, Michelle volunteers with children and youth throughout her community. Her faith is a very important aspect of her life, evidenced by her volunteer work with children at her local parish. She is also very interested in the visual arts, and is a studio assistant at the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, where she interacts with children of all ages, while helping them explore various crafts and projects. She also plays piano and studies Tae Kwon Do.

Pierre Caron is a faith-filled Grade 11 student from Ursuline College, who models his faith by seeking out opportunities where he can serve his school and his community. He is prayerful and purposeful in discerning his own mission in life and how he can best live in service to God and others. He is actively involved in the daily life of the school, regularly assisting with the Prayer and Anthem team. He is a strong leader in Catholic social justice projects, supporting Lancers for Life and Right to Life. Pierre is a member of the Pedagape Club, where he and others create living messages of hope and faith for the entire student body. He leads by example, serving his fellow students through Lancer Link and Muskoka Woods leadership. Pierre also serves as a reader and altar server for many school Masses.

The term of office for Student Trustee runs from August 2017 through July 2018.