



SASW Student Award

- Chelsea Derkatch, BSW, RSW (SK)
Saskatoon, SK

The SASW Student Award Committee is pleased to announce that Chelsea Derkatch, a Masters of Social Work student from Saskatoon is the 2012 Student Award recipient.

Chelsea received a BA from the University of Saskatchewan (2007), BSW from the University of Regina (2009) and is currently working towards a MSW from the University of Regina. Chelsea has worked as a social worker at Catholic Family Services of the Battlefords Inc. and with the Family Justice Services. As well as taking a full course load at university, Chelsea continues to volunteer (5 to 10 hours per week) as well as work part time at a local restaurant in Saskatoon.

Chelsea has always seen the importance of volunteering. The following is a list of activities/organizations that she has volunteered with:

- 2002/2003: Joe's Action Circle
- 2003/2004 Sunny Side Nursing Home
- 2005: Bishop Murray High School
- 2006/2007: The Boys & Girls Club of Saskatoon
- 2007/2008: SWITCH volunteer
- 2009/2010: North Battleford Bridgefest
- 2010/2011: Catholic Family Services Charity Night
- 2011/2012: Allan LaPlante Volunteer

It is evident that Chelsea exemplifies the characteristics that SASW upholds, as she contributes to the social work profession via her dedication not only to volunteering but to her education, skill-building through courses/ training and with the responsibility she has shown towards funding her education. As one of her volunteer supervisors stated, "Chelsea is an extremely hard worker and although she is busy with school full-time and with work part-time, she still somehow find time to volunteer . . ." Once she finishes her MSW, Chelsea plans to volunteer within the community in some capacity.

Congratulations Chelsea!