

Didsbury High Yearbook Team wins national Gold Medal



Golden publication! Chelsea Budd (at left) and the Didsbury High School student yearbook team has received the Gold Award in the National Yearbook Program of Excellence - one of only five schools in all of Canada!

Chelsea Budd graduated from Didsbury High School in 2013 and is now the school's Librarian. She has always appreciated the memories and stories wrapped inside the annual yearbook, so two years ago she decided to take over the project with a team of student volunteers. Last week, the school received a Gold Medal for their efforts!

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- note from Jostens Canada Ltd.



Chelsea Budd
... alumni, librarian, gold medal yearbook producer



Bad hair day! It was all for a good cause when Sean McWade, a grade 7 teacher at École Fox Run School, allowed his students to choose how he should shave his head. It was their prize for raising the most funds in the Alberta Children's Hospital gaming marathon. His 'Textbook Gaming' team, which also involves teacher Trent Wendell from Spruce View School, raised \$4,000 in the hospital fundraiser. Both teachers were humbled by the generosity of local businesses and the school community.

"I became interested in layout and design while I was a student here, in my classes with Mr. (Mark) Leggette," said Chelsea. "He was the lead on the yearbook and he taught me so much about computers and photography, that I studied graphic design after school. Once I became the Librarian in 2018, and after Mr. Leggette retired, taking over the yearbook was a natural fit! It ties my love of awesome stories and beautiful designs perfectly. It's exciting to cover the whole school population, and it's fun to put together a collection of all the great things happening at our school."

"We try to grow our yearbook crew, because it really requires a lot of work all year to make it meaningful. I gained so many skills by being involved in yearbook when I was a student and it really triggered something down the road that led to my career. I hope the same for our students who are involved. At the very least, we built a great yearbook together and I'm so proud of them!"