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STUDENT WINS \$100,000 SCHOLARSHIP

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KELOWNA, BC – A Central Okanagan Public Schools student won the prestigious Schulich Scholarship this spring. The award is for \$100,000 towards an Engineering/Applied Science degree at the University of British Columbia and makes the 2020 graduate part of an esteemed network of national STEM scholars.

"Winning this award has definitely changed my life," said James Ropotar, Grade 12 student and Schulich Scholarship recipient. "The Schulich award allows me to focus on my studies and give back to my community. The network connects me with many brilliant minds across Canada, and I'm excited to learn from them."

Ropotar will graduate from Okanagan Mission Secondary in June, and his school and teachers are delighted at this milestone in his learning journey.

"We are incredibly proud of James," said Bruce McKay, Principal at Okanagan Mission Secondary. "I've actually known him since his elementary school days and he's always been a hard-working, thoughtful, and highly intelligent student. He constantly challenges himself and strives for excellence. He is such a deserving recipient of this award."

Central Okanagan Public Schools congratulates James Ropotar on his significant achievement.

To arrange an interview with James, please contact: Bruce McKay, Principal, 250-870-5108