



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Our students are making a difference, on campus and around the world. Read more about three young womens' award-winning overseas endeavours, just a small sampling of what our great students are up to inside and outside the classroom.

Mount Allison student named to Top 20 Under 20™



Laura Stymiest, right, works with a nurse in Honduras to help give a local child a check up, as part of the Global Medical Brigades group.

This spring, Mount Allison honours biology student Laura Stymiest ('11) of Fredericton, NB was named to Youth in Motion's national Top 20 Under 20™ list. The list celebrates and honours Canadians who have demonstrated a significant level of innovation, leadership, and achievement but have not yet reached the age of 20.

Laura plans to go to medical school after graduation and pursue a career with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders. And she's already gaining field experience. Last year, for the first time, Laura led a group of about 35 Mount Allison students to Honduras as part of the Global Medical Brigades, an international network of more than 50 university clubs and volunteer organizations that provide communities in developing nations with

sustainable health care solutions. The students joined 10 medical professionals, nurses, doctors, and dentists, and worked to set up temporary clinics and provide basic medical care. Laura is currently the Canadian co-ordinator for the organization and co-president of the Mount Allison chapter.

Laura is also involved in a number of other community organizations at Mount Allison, including Relay for Life, a fund raiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, Shinerama, Leadership Mount Allison — Mount A's signature leadership program, "We Propose Clothes" — a campus-wide clothing drive, Eco-Action, the Tantramar Family Resource Centre, and the Drew Nursing Home in Sackville. She also works as a residence assistant and lab instructor in the biology department.

Taking care of business — overseas

Lauren Ledwell's ('10) career in international trade is off to a great start. The Mount Allison commerce student and Charlottetown, PEI resident, who recently returned from an exchange semester in Norway, is a 2009 recipient of the Export Development Canada (EDC) International Business Scholarship. The \$3,000 awards are granted to second- or third-year university students across Canada who show a devoted interest in international business.

Lauren is studying commerce and English with a keen interest in marketing. While still undecided about her specific career path, she has also honed her skills in systems, securities, and the Canadian banking structure, working at Toronto Dominion Bank in Charlottetown during the summer months. She plans to either continue her studies in an MBA program or pursue an international career in marketing.

Outside the classroom and the boardroom, Lauren is co-captain of the Women's Soccer Mounties, playing mid-field, and also sits on the executive of the Mount Allison Commerce Society.

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