



York Catholic District School Board

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**DRUG
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Dear Co-ordinator:

As co-chairs of the York Catholic District School Board's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee, we would like to nominate the following individual for the ARAPO Recognition Award:

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Over the years, Mina has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting awareness and assisting youth make intelligent, informed, and appropriate decisions related to drug and alcohol use. Mina has established OSAID Chapters in two different schools and has consistently been the central organizer for the main event assemblies staged in November during National Drug Awareness Week. Mina has always empowered students to lead these dynamic and powerful assemblies for her schools.

Mina was responsible for initiating and organizing the POWER (**P**eers **O**ffering **k**no**W**ledge and **E**ducation on **D**rugs). The conference brought together students from 14 different schools, representing all secondary schools in York Region, to collaborate, share, and discuss ideas on initiatives they could bring back to their schools for promoting responsible decision-making around drugs and alcohol.

Two years ago, Mina promoted and facilitated training of student representatives from her OSAID chapter in the Booze Buzz Peer Education Project which is a project under ARAPO. These trained student leaders organized and delivered multiple educational

sessions to all the grade 9-10 students and staff in their school to increase awareness around alcohol promotion. This year, Mina is in the process of coordinating a train-the-trainer session for her OSAID chapter to promote keepcontrol.ca, a provincial multi-media campaign to increase awareness and knowledge around risky drinking in youth.

In her school, Mina regularly meets with her OSAID students to plan different events for the school community. Mina has taken on the responsibility for preparing curriculum packages that other schools can use. She is a well respected teacher and colleague and very worthy of being recognized by ARAPO.

Sincerely,

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