



# UPPER CANADA

## District School Board

### *International Education*

## Program Newsletter / June 2022

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### Experiencing Canada

It was been a busy spring for the international student program!

International students from across UCDSB schools were able to experience some of the highlights of our region of Canada visiting Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Montreal in the last few months. Students enjoyed a boat cruise in Niagara, Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal and a day of thrill rides at Canada's Wonderland.

Click on the photo or visit us on Instagram [@studyuppercanada](https://www.instagram.com/studyuppercanada) to see more of the adventure!



### Spirit of the Drum Powwow

The UCDSB was thrilled to join the Spirit of the Drum Powwow in Smiths Falls on Saturday, June 11. More than 80 international students and host families took part in the day long event on Turtle Island in Victoria Park. It was a perfect day that included historical dance, songs, and current Indigenous Canadian facts. Students were left in awe of the beautiful and colorful clothing as well as the unconquerable impulse to move along to the beat of the drums throughout the day.

In addition to enjoying the wonderful display of culture, students and hosts were able to gather at our Canada Homestay booth to grab a refill for their water bottles, share stories and experiences from the past year as well as excitement about the final few weeks of the school year!

A truly great Canadian Cultural event right in our own backyards for everyone to enjoy. A huge thank-you to all who were involved who made this event such a success and allowed our international program to gather and learn with everyone!



# The UCDSB Hosting Experience



We are looking for new families across the UCDSB to act as hosts for students who will be arriving in September 2022.

Hosting an international student is a great way to bring the world to your home and teach your children about international cultures and perspectives. Homestay families with the UCDSB international education program receive a monthly stipend to support any costs associated with hosting.

Please click the image above or visit [www.whyhost.ca](http://www.whyhost.ca) if you are interested in hosting and see how it might be a great fit for you and your family!

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## International Opportunities For UCDSB Students



### Explore the world on a high school exchange with YES Canada!

YES Canada offers high school students in the UCDSB the opportunity to travel to one of over 23 exciting countries worldwide to immerse themselves in the language, culture and way of life by living with a host family and attending a local high school.

Students can select from a wide range of options by choosing their destination, the semester they travel in and their travel duration with programs ranging from 2 weeks up to the whole school year.

Please visit [www.youthedservices.ca](http://www.youthedservices.ca) or contact [info@youthedservices.ca](mailto:info@youthedservices.ca) for more information.

## Intelligent Ironman Creativity Contest 2022

This 36-hour non-stop contest brings together teams of high schools aged students from around the world to compete a series of challenges that test knowledge, strength, creativity and teamwork across the fields of natural science, social science and physical fitness.

To learn more and register, please visit [ironman.creativity.edu.tw/19th/eng](http://ironman.creativity.edu.tw/19th/eng) or click on the attached photo!



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## International Student Profile

### Jule Hertkorn

Germany - North Grenville DHS



#### ***What was your favorite thing about school in Canada?***

I love the school spirit here! Especially the sports. I never got the opportunity to try and play so many kinds of sports. Through this, the relationship between students and teachers get so much stronger. Every team or single student represents their school with teamwork and crazy results. I played soccer for the girls team, tried badminton, played volleyball with my friends and had a wonderful time with all of it

#### ***Do you have a farewell message to your classmates and teachers?***

I'm very thankful for all my friends who gave me the funniest moments, the good conversations and made this year to the best in my life.

#### ***Do you have a message for any students thinking of studying in Canada?***

Just do it! It's a great experience. You don't have to go for a whole year. I went for 5 months and it's absolutely perfect. Also when you're here, take every offer you get. If you didn't like it, you'll know you won't do it again but if you do you will meet very nice people who could become very good friends of yours.