

2010 National Finalists – Finalistes nationaux 2010

British Columbia

Alejandro Torres-Lopez lives in North Vancouver where he attends Handsworth Secondary School. His favourite school subjects, in addition to Geography, are Social Studies, Drafting/Design and Physical Education. In his spare time, Alejandro enjoys reading newspapers and magazines, spending time on the computer, and going out with his friends. He also enjoys sports, such as football, rugby, hockey, and track, and he plays on the school soccer team. Alejandro is a seasoned traveller – outside his home province, he has visited Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and the Northwest Territories and, internationally, he has visited 20 countries. After high school, Alejandro plans to study architecture and business.

Xiaoyu (Sunny) Weng lives in Surrey where he attends Fraser Heights Secondary School. Sunny's favourite school subjects include Science, Art and Information Technology. Sunny's favourite part of studying Geography is learning about the world and its physical and political aspects. In his spare time, Sunny likes biking, games, reading, and travel; occasionally, he enjoys participating in such sports as ping-pong, badminton and skiing. Outside his home province, Sunny has visited Alberta and, internationally, he has visited China, Japan, and the USA. Sunny has not yet decided on a career; however, he's pondering science or medicine.

Aoife O'Leary lives in Surrey where she attends school at Little Flower Academy. Aoife's favourite school subjects are Math, Science and Geography. Some of Aoife's favourite pastimes are reading, playing piano, and dancing. Aoife participates in several sports and arts, such as field hockey, cross-country skiing, soccer, and track & field. She also swims and dances ballet four times a week. Although British Columbia is now her home province, Aoife lived in Alberta for five years; outside Canada, she lived in Ireland for three years. Aoife has also visited international cities such as London, Athens, Rome, Naples, and Sorrento. Upon finishing school, Aoife is interested in becoming a doctor; although, she's also considering archaeology.

James Shih lives in West Vancouver where he attends Sentinel Secondary School. James says he likes all of his school subjects; he enjoys studying Geography because it enables him to visit lots of other places from his home. In his spare time, James likes to read, play the piano, and watch sitcoms; he also participates in tae kwon do. Outside his home province, James has visited Toronto and Ottawa, Ontario; his international travel includes these countries: USA, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, China, and Thailand.

Jon Krugel lives in Comox, British Columbia, where he attends Highland Secondary School. Jon's favourite school subjects are Math and Science. In his spare time, Jon likes to build things, watch movies, and hang out with his friends. Other pastimes he enjoys are sports, improv theatre, musical theatre, robotics, and filmmaking. Outside his home province, Jon has visited Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. Upon finishing school, Jon hopes to have a career in engineering or filmmaking, or maybe both.

Alberta

Ethan Higgs lives in Calgary where he attends John Ware School. Ethan's favourite school subjects are Social Studies and Math. He also enjoys Geography. In his spare time, Ethan enjoys playing video games and reading; he also participates in badminton, tennis, and bicycling with his friends. Outside his home province, Ethan has visited British Columbia; outside Canada, he has visited Mexico. Ethan is considering a career as a history teacher when he finishes school.

Brennan Undseth lives in Calgary where he attends Webber Academy. Brennan's favourite school subjects are Math and Physical Education. In his spare time, Brennan enjoys movies, cross-country running, and spending time on Facebook. He also participates in several sports, such as big mountain skiing, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track and field. Outside his home province, Brennan has visited British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Newfoundland. Internationally, he has visited the USA, Mexico, Cuba, and Costa Rica. When he finishes school, Brennan hopes to either pursue a career in engineering or become a ski instructor.

Kyle Wheeler lives in Strathmore, Alberta, where he attends CMJHS (Crowther Memorial Junior High School). Kyle's favourite school subjects are Social Studies, Science, and Physical Education; his favourite part of studying Geography is learning about all the places he can potentially visit. In his spare time, Kyle likes building models, biking, and reading; he also participates in hockey and lacrosse. Outside his home province, Kyle has visited British Columbia and Saskatchewan; outside Canada, he has visited Idaho and California in the USA and also Mexico. Kyle is interested in pursuing a career with the United Nations.

Ryan Noble lives in Calgary where he attends Fairview School. Ryan's favourite school subjects are Science and History, and he also likes Geography. In his spare time, Ryan likes to play video games; he also enjoys playing hockey. Outside his home province, Ryan has visited all provinces except for the Maritimes; outside Canada, he has visited the USA. Upon finishing school, Kyle is interested in pursuing a career as a doctor or scientist.

Saskatchewan

Archer Bell lives in Saskatoon where he attends the Walter Murray School. Archer's favourite school subjects are Science and English; he also likes Geography. Archer likes reading, singing, writing poetry, and running in his spare time; he also participates in cross-country running and track & field. Outside his own province, Archer has visited British Columbia and Alberta; outside Canada, he has visited several states, including Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii. Archer has a variety of career interests, including environmental law, immigration law, social work, urban planning, or environmental science.

Daniel Grebe lives in Caronport, Saskatchewan, where he attends Caronport Elementary School. Daniel's favourite school subjects are Math, Science, and Social Studies. What Daniel likes about Geography is reading maps. Daniel likes watching the news (The National, At Issues Panel, and Rex Murphy), and his Geography knowledge helps him understand the news. In his

spare time, Daniel enjoys reading, playing chess and piano; he also likes trying Java programming. Daniel also participates in competitive swimming and cycling, and hopes to join the high school football team in the coming school year. Outside his home province, Daniel has visited British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario; outside Canada, he has visited Point Roberts (USA), Israel, and Germany. When he finishes school, Daniel would like to get into a computer science career, especially in artificial intelligence. His other career interests are politics and architecture.

Coleman Pete lives in Saskatoon where he attends Greystone Heights School. Coleman's favourite school subjects are Social Studies and Writing, and his favourite part of studying Geography is learning about the world. In his spare time, Coleman likes to play video games and spend times with friends and family. He also enjoys sports and participates in hockey, football, track & field. Outside his home province, Coleman has visited British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba; outside Canada, he has visited Los Angeles and Minneapolis. After he finishes school, Coleman would like to become an author, architect, engineer, or police officer.

Manitoba

Keith Johnson lives in Teulon, Manitoba, where he attends Teulon Collegiate. Keith's favourite thing about school is "the band" because he spends time with awesome people, and he gets to play and listen to interesting and beautiful music. What Keith likes about Geography is how it relates to everything in the world, whether social or physical. In his spare time, Keith likes to be outside looking for interesting sites to photograph. Keith also participates in sports such as badminton, track & field, cross-country running, and swimming. When Keith finishes school, he is interested in getting his pilot's license or getting into astronomy.

Samuel Dueck lives in Niverville, Manitoba, where he attends Niverville Collegiate. Samuel's favourite school subjects are English Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Geography. In his spare time, Samuel enjoys hanging out with friends, reading, watching movies, and playing video games and board games. Samuel also participates in football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Outside his home province, Samuel has visited British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec. Internationally, he has visited Ghana (he lived there for 7 years), Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, and the USA. When he finishes school, Samuel's plans are to go to Bible school and then pursue a post-secondary degree. Samuel also has an interest in mechanical engineering.

Ontario

Nicholas Heersink lives in Sheffield and he attends Rehoboth Christian School. Nicholas' favourite school subjects are Math and Geography; his favourite part of studying Geography is learning about different people and cultures. In his spare time, Nicholas likes spending time of the computer and playing sports – he participates in soccer. Outside his home province, Nicholas has visited British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba; outside Canada, he has visited the USA. When Nicholas finishes school, he would like to become an engineer or pursue a career in the design field.

Alexander Cohen lives in Ottawa where he attends Ashbury College. Alexander's favourite school subjects are History, English, Drama, and also Geography. When he has spare time, some of his pastimes are reading, travelling, collecting (lapel) pins, and spending time with friends. Alexander enjoys several sports and participates in skiing (instructor and racer), fencing, canoeing, hiking, and biking. Alexander is also a seasoned traveller — outside his home province, he has visited Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Quebec, and New Brunswick; internationally, he has visited 27 countries. Alexander aspires to become a politician, diplomat, or reporter when he finishes school.

Kyle Richardson lives in Kitchener where he attends Courtland Senior Public School. Kyle's favourite school subjects are Visual Arts, English, French, Music, Drama, and Geography. What he likes most about Geography is discovering where the world's different features, countries, and cities are located. In his spare time, Kyle likes to keep his mind sharp by working on jigsaw puzzles, playing board games, and reading; he also enjoys swimming and art. Kyle's travels outside his home province has been to Saskatoon and Montreal. He loves travel, which is why he watches the reality show "The Amazing Race". Kyle has not yet decided on career interests.

Morgan Dykstra lives in Plattsville, Ontario, where he attends Plattsville Christian School. Morgan's favourite school subjects are Bible class, History, Geography. The best part of Geography is learning about the cool places that he would like to visit someday. Morgan enjoys and participates in mountain-biking and kayaking. One of his favourite pastimes is memorizing the capitals and physical features of various countries, which he would love to visit. Meanwhile, outside his home province, Kyle has visited Quebec. Currently, Kyle is leaning toward entering into a career in law or politics when he finishes school.

Jerry Chow lives in Toronto where he attends J.B. Tyrrell Sr. Public School. Jerry's favourite school subjects are Science, Language Arts, and Geography. In his spare time, Jerry likes to read books, build things, and learn new things. Although, Jerry has yet to experience other parts of Canada, he has broadened his horizons outside Canada with his travels to countries such as Hong Kong and Guam, as well as Buffalo and San Francisco in the USA. Currently, Jerry's career interests are engineering and urban planning.

Jacob Fiorino lives in Scarborough where he attends Mary Ward C.S.S. Jacob's favourite subjects are History, Science, and Geography; he enjoys Geography because he likes to learn various new things. Jacob likes to play video games and piano in his spare time. He also participates in several sports, including basketball, baseball, volleyball, golf, and swimming. Outside his home province, Jacob has visited Quebec; internationally, he has visited the USA (Florida), Cuba, and Poland. When Jacob finishes school, he would like to pursue a career in science or geography.

Caleb Guthrie lives in Toronto where he attends Upper Canada College. Caleb's favourite school subjects are History, Science, and Geography. What he likes about Geography is that it connects various diverse fields. In his spare time, Caleb likes to read (both printed and online material), provoke arguments, play video games and street hockey, and listen to music. Outside his home province, Caleb has visited other provincial cities, such as Vancouver and Montreal. Internationally, he has travelled to Croatia, France, and Ireland. Currently, Caleb hasn't determined his career interests.

Marko Smiljanic lives in Toronto where he attends Norseman Junior Middle School. Marko's favourite school subjects are History and Language Arts. He also enjoys historical geography, political geography, and economic geography. In his spare time, Marko likes to hang out with friends, read, play video games, and watch movies. Outside his home province, Marko has visited Quebec; outside Canada, he has travelled to Serbia, Montenegro, Austria, and the United Kingdom and USA. When he finishes school, Marko hopes to obtain a career in politics.

Matthew Marcoccia lives in Toronto where he attends St. Michael's College School. His favourite school subjects are Science, Math, and Art, and also Geography. In his spare time, Matthew likes to read books and magazines, play sports, and play piano. Sports that he participates in are hockey and lacrosse, and also skiing and golf. Outside his own province, Matthew has visited Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. Outside Canada, he has visited England, Germany, Italy, and the Caribbean and USA. When Matthew finishes school, he would like to pursue a career as an architect.

Ivy Wang lives in London, Ontario, where she attends S.F. Banting S.S. Ivy's favourite school subjects are French, Visual Arts, Music, and English. She also likes Geography because "it opens one's eyes to the physical and natural wonders of our world." In her spare time, Ivy enjoys reading, spending time with friends, skiing, horseback riding, and climbing trees. Ivy also participates in figure skating and, currently, she is working on her ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto) for piano. Outside her home province, Ivy has visited British Columbia and Quebec and, outside Canada, she has travelled to the USA (Oregon and Washington), China, and Japan. If she follows her interests, Ivy would like a career that is animal-related.

Québec

Yujia Zhu habite a Montréal où elle fréquente le Collège Jean-Eudes. Les matières préférées de Yujia sont l'histoire, science, mathématique, français, arts, et éducation physique. L'étude de la géologie est sa partie préférée de la géographie. Dans son temps libre, Yujia aime lire, dessiner, et surfer l'Internet. Elle participe également au badminton, à l'hockey, et au patinage artistique. En dehors de sa province natale, Yujia a visité des villes en Ontario et elle a aussi voyage au Shanghai, en Chine. L'aspiration de carrière de Yujia est d'être un dentiste ou un médecin.

Samuel Lemire habite a l'Assomption, Québec où il fréquente le Collège de l'Assomption. Les matières préférées de Samuel sont l'histoire, la biologie, les arts, l'Espagnols, et la géographie. Les musées, la lecture, l'ordinateur, et écouter de la musique sont certains des passe-temps de Samuel. Il apprécie également des sports, tels que le hockey, le canot, le kayak, le ski et la raquette. En dehors de sa province natale, Samuel a visité l'Île du Prince Edouard, Terre-Neuve, le Nouveau Brunswick, l'Ontario, l'Alberta, et la Colombie-Britannique. Il a également voyagé dans d'autres pays, y compris les Etats-Unis, le Royaume-Uni, le Mexique, la France, l'Espagne, et le Cuba. Les intérêts de carrière de Samuel sont la loi, la politique et le journalisme.

New Brunswick

Nathaniel Noel attends the Rothesay Netherwood School in Rothesay, New Brunswick. His favourite school subjects are English, World History, Science and Geography. In his spare time, Nathaniel enjoys playing the piano, and he also participates in soccer and snowboarding. Nathaniel has travelled to Quebec and the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. His career ambition is to become a doctor.

Tate Lejeune lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where he attends the George Street Middle School. Tate's favourite school subjects are Social Studies, Math and Geography. Outside his home province, Tate has visited Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Quebec. In his spare time, Tate likes to play guitar, piano, and baritone euphonium. He also likes reading, drawing, maps and karate. Given Tate's interest in various musical instruments, it's not surprising that he plans to pursue a career as a musician.

Prince Edward Island

Brett Buote lives in Tignish, Prince Edward Island and attends M.E. Callaghan Intermediate School in Elmsdale. Brett's favourite school subject is Social Studies. He also enjoys Geography. In his spare time, Brett likes to read and play video games. He also likes sports and participates in hockey, volleyball, badminton, and golf. Upon finishing school, Brett's goal is to become a writer or an archaeologist, or maybe both.

Nova Scotia

Oliver Bjornsson lives in Halifax where he attends Halifax Grammar School. His favourite school subjects are Geography, History, German, and English. Oliver loves to travel. So far, outside Nova Scotia, Oliver has visited Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Quebec. Internationally, he has visited the USA, Mexico, and Greece. Upon finishing school, Oliver plans to pursue a career that will keep his mind sharp, such as law, writing, teaching, or perhaps a career that is geography-related.

Peter Johnstone lives in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, where he attends Dr. T.L. Sullivan School. His favourite school subjects are Science and Math, and he also enjoys geography. In his spare time, Peter likes to play video games, watch TV, and play chess and soccer. Outside his home province, Peter has visited Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick; internationally, he has visited Philadelphia. Currently, Peter has not decided on any career interests.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Joshua Thomas lives in Coley's Point, Newfoundland and attends school at Amalgamated Academy in Bay Roberts. Joshua's favourite school subjects are Music, Social Studies, and French, and Geography. In his spare time, Joshua likes to spend time outside with his friends,

on the computer, watch TV, and read. During summer, Joshua likes to play ball hockey, and he's also on a swim team. Outside his home province, Joshua has visited Ontario and New Brunswick; outside Canada, he has visited Florida and also various other states along the way. Currently, Joshua has not decided on any career interests.

Zayd Khraishi lives in St. John's, Newfoundland where he attends Lakecrest Independent School. Zayd's favourite school subjects are Language Arts, Social Studies, and Math. Zayd's favourite part of studying Geography is learning about other places and cultures. In his spare time, Zayd enjoys reading, drawing, playing computer games, attending parties, and spending time with family and friends. He also enjoys participating in hockey, swimming, golf, and tennis. Outside his home province, Zayd has visited the cities of Halifax, Montreal, and Toronto. He has also travelled to cities outside Canada, such as Amman, Budapest, London, Amsterdam, and Madrid. When he finishes school, Zayd's ambition is to become a structural/civil engineer specializing in buildings and bridges.

Northwest Territories

Aaron Moizis lives in Hay River where he attends Princess Alexandra School. Aaron's favourite school subjects are Social Studies, French, and Math. What he likes about Geography is that it has a never-ending trail of knowledge to discover. In his spare time, Aaron likes to read, ride his bike, play sports, curl, and spend time with his friends. Aaron keeps busy playing soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, curling, track & field, and karate. Outside the Northwest Territories, Aaron has visited British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario. Outside Canada, he has visited the USA, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, and Mexico. Currently, Aaron doesn't have a specific career interest.

Yukon Territory

Brandon Crawford lives in Whitehorse where he attends Christ the King Elementary School. Brandon's favourite school subjects are Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, and Art. His favourite part of studying Geography is learning about the different cultures. In his spare time, Brandon likes to read, do research on the computer, ride his bike, and hang out with friends. Outside the Yukon, Brandon has visited British Columbia, Alberta, and Newfoundland; his international travels include Mexico, Alaska, Florida, and Western USA. When Brandon finishes school, he's leaning toward pursuing a career as a wildlife biologist, a professional chef, or maybe a scientist.