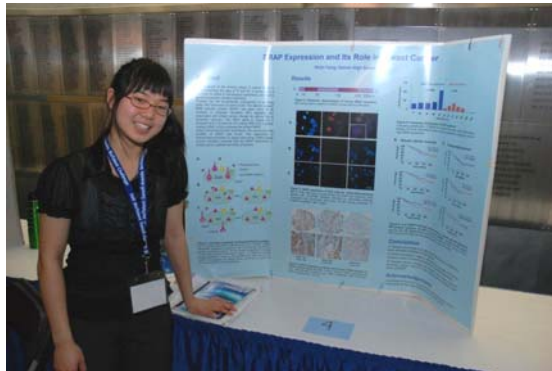


Congratulations to Xichi Yang, a grade 10 student at Kelvin High School. Xichi won the Canadian Cancer Society, Manitoba Division bursary for a cancer related project at the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium with her project, "SRAP Expression and Its Role In Breast Cancer".

This bursary enabled Xichi to go on to represent Manitoba at the Canada Wide Science Fair. The Canadian Cancer Society is proud to sponsor a young Manitoba researcher annually at the prestigious Canada Wide Science Fair.



The story of how this talented student has already joined **the fight against cancer:**

I have been working on this topic for two years, beginning in grade 9. When I first met Dr. Leygue in his lab, he introduced me to the fundamentals of cancer, and the protein they were studying- SRAP. I gained a good understanding of the concepts involved in cancer mechanisms, protein synthesis, and the experiment I was to do. I researched these topics, and the answers to the questions I had, helped tremendously as well. Due to school, I was not able to visit the lab often. I went during days off, in-services, after school, and on breaks to perform experiments and analysis under the guidance of Yi Yan. A majority of the project required my understanding, which I gained through the knowledge, support and patience of Dr. Etienne Leygue and Yi Yan. I could not have achieved this without them.

I was very surprised when they announced my name for best biological award, and to be a delegate sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society to the Canada Wide Science Fair. It was my first year participating in the MSSS competition, and I hadn't expected such an achievement. This award gave me a boost in self-confidence, and showed me that hard work really does pay off.

There's so much that I'd like to do, and so little time. My life seems like a juggling act between piano lessons, dance, table tennis, gymnastics, and the biggest one: school. I'm quite fortunate to have participated in the Canada Winter Games '07 in Whitehorse Yukon, representing Team Toba in Table Tennis, where I made new friends and learned about sports that were new to me, like squash. Violin was the first instrument I played, and starting at age 6, I began to build an admiration and love for music. I've played flute, baritone saxophone, and French horn in band, but the one I love most is playing the piano. I also danced in the Indochina pavilion for Folklorama last year.