

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT – 19 to 24 year category**



### **Samantha Gilbert**

Samantha is a 21-year-old student at the University of Lethbridge working towards a degree in Neuroscience. Her dedication to academic success is only surpassed by her exceptional volunteer efforts.

Samantha began volunteering at the early age of five as a Girl Guide. As an active member of the U of L's Rotaract Club, Samantha has aided with several initiatives including working with a fundraising team to send \$50,000 to Costa Rica to aid in the construction of locally sustainable businesses and farming ventures. In 2010, Samantha traveled to El Salvador with the Rotaract medical team to assist in clinics, construction and health education projects.

Samantha has also assisted in fundraising efforts to support student scholarship programs in Malawi and Guatemala; she will be visiting Guatemala soon to donate her time and energy.