

Ella Webster
HNB Jim Stirling Scholarship

Hockey New Brunswick is pleased to award the 2021-22 Jim Stirling Scholarship to Ella Webster of Riverview, N.B.

The Jim Stirling Scholarship, valued at \$1,000, was established by B.F. Lorenzetti and Associates Inc., insurance brokers for Hockey Canada, in 1996, when B.F. Lorenzetti began sponsoring a program for Hockey Canada that allows each branch to present a bursary to a deserving Hockey New Brunswick member who can demonstrate their financial need.

Although a latecomer to hockey, switching to the sport from ringette in Grade 9, Ella instantly fell in love with the game and the community that came with it. She feels that hockey makes her strive to improve and push herself to be her best – not just for her, but for her team. She served as assistant captain for the Riverview Royals AAA team in her final year of high school hockey.

Ella has always emphasized the importance of giving back and hopes to inspire that passion in others. She is a Grade 12 student at Riverview High School, where she serves as co-president of the Youth in Action group, which encourages youth to get involved in the community. Ella has helped organize fundraisers, collect donations and arrange volunteer activities. Given how tough the past few years have been for many, her goal is to create even more opportunities for volunteerism and community service.

She is president of her school's student council, which she considers her biggest community involvement. It allows her to ensure everyone has a voice and feels a sense of belonging. Her hard work resulted in a positive and welcoming atmosphere at Riverview High School. Through her position, she has also worked closely with the town's mayor and sits on the Riverview Youth Network committee with other community leaders.

Ella has been accepted into the bachelor of science program at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and will begin her studies in the fall.

Congratulations to Ella on her achievements.