



**Deputy Mayor's Remarks**  
on the occasion of the

**Bawlf Junior High and Senior High  
Academic Awards**

**Bawlf Community Centre  
October 17, 2009**

Ladies and Gentlemen, students, former students, staff, and honoured guests: it is my privilege to bring greetings from Mayor Iwanus and the rest of Village of Bawlf Council and Administration on this day when Bawlf School students, past and present, come together to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the past year.

This is a year of several “firsts” with regard to Village-School relations. Most notably, it is Mrs. White’s first year as principal of Bawlf School and we at the Village of Bawlf want to wish her the very best in this new stage of her career. If our early meetings and discussions with each other are any indication, there will be every opportunity to expand on the School-Village partnership that was so soundly begun by her predecessor, Mr. Bowie, and we are very confident that she will distinguish herself in many ways in her new role.

In the context of this partnership, we have another “first” this evening: it is the first opportunity for the Village of Bawlf to participate directly in recognising the achievements of Bawlf School students. Based on a unanimous decision by Bawlf Village Council, the Village is awarding scholarships to two Grade 12 students who exemplify good citizenship and community responsibility. It’s an honour for the Village to have a role in celebrating this type of achievement, which is one that acknowledges, not necessarily the student as scholar, but the student as community member – the whole person. These are your future leaders and we as a community need to let them know that what they have done is worthy of accolades, not just from staff and peers, but from *everyone*.

So I want to say “thank you” again for allowing the Village of Bawlf to be a part of this celebration. This may be our first time in a direct supporting role, but it certainly won’t be our last. To all the award winners this evening: be proud of your achievements, as we are proud of you. Thank you.