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TRUESDALE MEDAL AND PRIZE

The Truesdale Medal and Prize Fund has been established at The University of Manitoba to honour the contributions to excellence in teaching made by the three Truesdale sisters who taught in the Winnipeg School Division #1. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to this fund. The Truesdale sisters emigrated from Northern Ireland to Canada at the turn of the century. The eldest, Edith Helen Graham Truesdale took her teaching certificate immediately following completion of her schooling at the Central Collegiate and taught initially at St. John's High School in 1914 and then in elementary grades at Greenway, Victoria Albert and Sargent Park Schools for over forty years. The youngest, Beatrice Dalziel Truesdale, earned her B.A. from The University of Manitoba in 1921, qualified for teaching and taught junior high English and French at Laura Secord, Isaac Brock and Hugh John Macdonald Schools also for about forty years. The middle sister, Evelyn Margaret Truesdale, also qualified for teaching immediately following her years at the Central Collegiate and taught elementary grades at Greenway School before her marriage in 1921 to Skuli Johnson and, again, as a substitute teacher following his death in 1955. The three sisters contributed almost ninety years of service to teaching in the Winnipeg School System.

The Truesdale Medal and Prize in their honour is intended to recognize the achievement of great promise for excellence in classroom teaching by a student graduating from the Faculty of Education with a Bachelor degree. This award will be offered as a convocation prize at the time of the May Convocation. The recipient may be receiving the degree at the May Convocation or may have already received it the preceding October Convocation. The prize, valued at the available annual income of the fund (less the cost of providing the gold medal), as well as a gold medal, will be offered to a graduating student from the Faculty of Education who:

- (1) has met the course load and minimum academic standing requirement for the University Gold Medal in the Faculty of Education;
- (2) has demonstrated great promise for excellence in classroom teaching, as outlined by the nominators and as finally defined by the selection committee.

Each year, faculty members in the Faculty of Education and cooperating teachers in the Student Teaching component of the curriculum will be asked to nominate students whom they believe to exemplify strong promise for excellence in teaching. The nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee and the winner will be selected from among those nominees. If so desired, the committee may decide to interview one or more candidates.

The selection committee shall be named by the Dean of the Faculty of Education and shall include three faculty members (present or retired) who reflect a breadth of teaching areas offered in the Faculty. Dean Emeritus E.D. MacPherson shall be appointed to the selection committee and may serve as long as he is willing and able to serve.