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PRODUCT OF RICHMOND EDUCATION SYSTEM GIVES BACK

The Ampri Group has established a new scholarship program for select Richmond high schools. Students at McNair, MacNeill and Palmer will be eligible to receive one of the three \$1000 scholarships in the new “Dream Grow Inspire Scholarship Program”.

In early January Amit Sandhu, McNair Grad and Vice President of the Ampri Group, met with Glenn Kishi, Administrator for the Richmond School District. “The purpose of this first meeting” says Sandhu “was to learn about the District’s scholarship program and how Ampri could get involved.” What has evolved from this meeting is a comprehensive start to what many in the school district hope will be an annual commitment from Ampri.

"It's part of our on-going effort to promote excellence through corporate social responsibility, I call it 'Enlightened Entrepreneurship'. It's reassurance to our clients and community that when we do business, you can bet that we'll invest resources back in local programs and initiatives," says Sandhu.

"Amit is a product of Richmond's education system, and he is giving back, that's exactly what we want to see," says District Administrator Glenn Kishi.

When asked about the logic behind the structure of the program, Amit explains how "dream grow inspire" was developed as a slogan for his family's business, mirroring the ideals he found in his parents Gurdip & Paramjit Sandhu. "My mother and father followed their dreams, they learned many things along the way and encouraged those around them to achieve great things as well."

The “Dream Scholarship” will be awarded to a student who exemplifies academic excellence. The “Grow Scholarship” will be awarded to a student who shows the greatest improvement throughout the academic year. The “Inspire Scholarship” will be awarded to a student who faces financial challenges due to physical or mental health issues. To be eligible, candidates must intend on pursuing a post-secondary education at any Canadian Institution. Teachers at each of the schools will work with the Richmond School District to determine this year’s recipients.

Craig Jones, Executive Director of Richmond Chamber of Commerce adds, “We are very proud of our member’s involvement in the Richmond Community. As a finalist for our 2010 Business Awards, Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, it is easy to see why Amit and his company are so greatly respected in our community. We at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce wish every success for the “Dream Grow Inspire Scholarship Program”, it is a great example of how a local business can give back to its community and invest in the future of our youth.