

COPLAND PRIZE IN HUMANITIES

Leigh Ellen Weber

St. Peter's College Alumna Leigh Weber , class of 2003/04, recently earned a prestigious award from the University of Saskatchewan. Leigh received the Copland Prize in Humanities.

The Copland Prize in Humanities is donated in memory of the late Thomas Copland by Mrs. Copland, and is awarded annually at each Spring Convocation to the most distinguished graduate in the Humanities.

On May 28, 2009 Leigh Ellen Weber was presented the 2009 Copland Prize in Humanities at the UofS Convocation celebrations. Leigh graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree, receiving High Honours in French.

Leigh graduated from Humboldt Collegiate Institute in 2003 and enrolled in the College of Arts & Science in September, 2003. She spent her first year at St. Peter's College in Muenster, Saskatchewan and then came to the Saskatoon Campus for her second year.

Leigh was the recipient of the University of Saskatchewan Scholarship as well as the recipient of the German Book Prize – awarded annually by the Governments of Germany, Switzerland and Austria to deserving students studying German. Her work was also published in the Saskatchewan German Council newsletter.

In September, 2005 Leigh traveled to China and worked as an English teacher for a private language institute.

Leigh has competed in speed swimming for many years and was the Summer Speed Swimming Provincial Champion in 2004 and 2005 in the 200 meter, 100 meter and 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter backstroke and 100 meter butterfly. She was also the record holder in the 100 meter and 200 meter freestyle and 50 meter backstroke.

Leigh will be attending Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario in September to begin a two-year Masters program in French. Her goal is to eventually complete a Ph.D. and teach French Literature and Linguistics at a university level.