



His Royal Highness Prince Phillip presents the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award to 17-year-old Karen Daly, of Mississauga, at a special Hamilton Place ceremony on Saturday. Three other local teenagers were among more than 200 Canadian Young people to receive the

prestigious award for their achievements in sports and community service. Assisting the Prince is George Manson, director of the gold awards for Canada.

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Teens given royal treatment

Four Mississauga teenagers received the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award last weekend for outstanding achievement in physical fitness and public service.

The four — Ruth Augustine, 18, Karen Daly, 17, Kim Munro, 18, and

Beth Wynne, 17, — were among 217 young people from across Ontario who received the award from His Royal Highness Prince Phillip at a special Hamilton Place ceremony.

The gold award is the highest possible level which can be attained in the international challenge to youth. It is always presented personally by Prince Phillip or another member of the Royal Family.

On Saturday, the four local winners, all members of the 18th

Mississauga Girl Guide Rangers, were accompanied to Hamilton Place by their parents and Guide leader, Carol Hare.

Prince Phillip told them that having achieved the gold award, they can now "relax and decline into middle age".

The award involved an arduous four-part series of tests designed to help young people take their place in society as mature, balanced adults.

In the survival segment, Ruth Augustine and Beth Wynne took a

160-mile bicycle trip in 90-degree weather last summer. Karen Daly and Kim Munro managed 50 miles of backpacking along the Bruce Trail.

All four undertook volunteer activities which ranged from assisting other Girl Guide groups to teaching Sunday school. Karen, Ruth and Beth, who attend Streetsville Secondary School, com-

pleted the hobbies segment of the test in music and oil painting.

Kim used her spare time at Etinne Brule High School pursuing work in ceramics.

On Saturday, the four were presented to Prince Phillip individually. They spoke briefly with His Highness as he presented them with their medals and an inscribed Certificate of Achievement.

