

Youth Influencer Award

Mackenzie Smith

Recipient of a 2022 Youth Influencer Award, Mackenzie Smith is an outstanding young woman who represents the community-centred culture that Leduc strives to foster.

A Leduc Composite High School graduate, Mackenzie is entering her third year of a bachelor's of science degree at MacEwan University with a major in psychology. Despite a full course load, she continues to actively volunteer at numerous school and community events such as the annual École Leduc Junior High School dodgeball tournament.

Mackenzie was instrumental in the formation of the Leduc Youth Council in 2020, and served as chair in 2021 and 2022. She supported other council members, helped shape the council's strategic vision and always looked for new ways to engage with youth. An advocate for mental health, wellness and connection, she always created a welcoming and safe environment. Mackenzie planned and implemented the Youth Council Community Clean Up, and volunteered at almost every Youth Council event such as the Youth Talent Showcase, Rock the Rails and Volunteer Fair.

Mackenzie hopes to continue working with youth, especially in the mental health sector. She loves being able to collaborate with others to support the greater good and shape the community.