

# Brock Leaders Citizenship Society BLCS



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## THE LEADER LINK

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR BLCS EXECUTIVE!

We want to congratulate you on surviving your first semester here at Brock. We encourage you to stay focused during the exam period and know that all your hard work will pay off in the end! University is a new and challenging experience but it does get easier as you grow into the Brock community. Feel free to contact any of the BLCS executive members if you feel the need for support during exams, sometimes it helps to talk to people who have been in the same position as you and succeeded. Enjoy your three weeks off with your family and friends over the holidays. Rest and relax as you gear yourself up for your final four months of your first year!

Good Luck  
Kaitlin Bynkoski  
BLCS President

### BLCS Executive Reflect on their Volunteer Experiences

I have been a volunteer with **Bethesda** (at Schmon Parkway) over the past year. At Bethesda, I work with children with autism between the ages of 10-13. My role as a mentor to these children is to help them develop their social skills through respite programs (e.g. taking the children bowling, swimming, grocery shopping, etc.). This has been a great opportunity where I not only developed many great friendships, but have also become more mature and understanding as an individual. For more information, visit [www.bethesdaservices.com](http://www.bethesdaservices.com)

Rohan Kothari  
Vice President



Jeradine Bortolussi and Rohan Kothari Volunteering at National Children's Day with Free the Children

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### 2010/2011 Executive Elections

Positions Available:

- Secretary
- Communications Officer
- Public Relations
- Member at Large

**"Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."** Vince Lombardi

### Volunteer Opportunities over the Holidays

- Salvation Army Christmas Kettles  
[www.salvationarmy.ca](http://www.salvationarmy.ca)
- Gift Wrapping for Hospice Niagara  
Contact [community@brocku.ca](mailto:community@brocku.ca)
- Community Care St. Catharine's  
Collecting jackets, pants and snow suits, volunteering at the food bank  
[www.90for90.ca](http://www.90for90.ca)
- Boys and Girls Club of Niagara  
Wrapping Christmas presents  
[events@boysandgirlsclubniagara.or](mailto:events@boysandgirlsclubniagara.or)

### Undergraduate Scholarship Opportunities

Due to a lack of student applications there is over a billion dollars worth of student awards unclaimed in Canada each year. As the Manager of Student Awards, I am here to help you navigate the sometimes complex world of student awards in Canada. If you have questions about terminology, applicableness, or availability of awards I am here to help. Additionally, we recently produced a list of some of 'Top External Scholarships' for students in Canada. With your background in leadership and civic engagement, I recommend that you have a look at the list we have created. Remember, if you have any questions about any of the opportunities available to you feel free to ask.

Manager,  
Student Awards



Emma Dunn (BLCS member) volunteering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Go Girl" program

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

January Town Hall Meeting:  
2010/2011 Executive Elections:  
New Year group volunteer event:

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
January Town Hall Meeting  
TBA