

People watch a full eclipse during a
Total Solar Eclipse Party at the Dominion Astrophysical
Observatory in April 2024. The Friends of the Dominion
Astrophysical Observatory has received a grant from
Vancity Savings so approved schools can receive free
Centre of the Universe programming, including in-class,
online and in-person experiences.

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Enwright, who is interested in studying business
and economics, is the eldest of five sons and has
balanced school, sports, and family responsibilities
while caddying, according to a news release about the
awards. He said caddying has taught him the value
of hard work, responsibility and confidence, and the
Evans scholarship will give him the opportunity to
continue his education and pursue his goals.

Zielinski said she plans to study graphic design,
adding caddying has strengthened her work ethic and
professionalism. "Caddying has taught me confidence,
perseverance and how to connect with people."

An estimated 96 per cent of program graduates
are employed or enrolled in graduate school within
six months of graduating, the association said. Funds
for the scholarship program come from contributions
made by more than 43,500 supporters across the United
States, with alumni donating over \$15 million annually.

As well, proceeds from the PGA Tour's BMW
Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation.

>>> Order of B.C., citizenship medal nominations open

Nominations for this year's Order of B.C. and Medal of
Good Citizenship are being accepted until April 7.

The Order of B.C. is the highest honour given out by
the province, and recognizes "achievement, excellence
or distinction" by current or former residents.

volunteerism, generosity and other contributions that have
a positive effect on the world around them.

Both youth nominations for 15- to 25-year-olds and
posthumous nominations can be included.

The Order of B.C. was created in 1989 and has had
530 appointees in the years since, while the Medal of
Good Citizenship was first given out in 2015.

It has been awarded to a total of 193 people, two
communities and one group in its history.

Saanich resident Victoria Clarke, who earned the
Medal of Good Citizenship in 2025 for her contributions
to Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue, said it was an
"amazing" acknowledgement.

"I feel inspired by this honour," she said. "It's a
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• Submit nominations for either honour at [www2.gov.](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/honours-and-awards/order-of-bc/submitting-nomination)

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>>> Have your say on Mount Newton Pathway project

Central Saanich residents are being asked for their
feedback on the next phases of the Mount Newton
Pathway project, the new multi-use pathway that will
connect Highway 17 with Saanichton village.

Phase 1 of the pathway was completed last year and
links Lochside Drive with the Lochside Regional Trail.

The second phase is currently in the design stage
and will connect Saanichton Village with the trail,
Tsawout First Nation, and nearby neighbourhoods.

Residents can share their feedback on the Phase 2
pathway design in January and early February.

Central Saanich said the design concepts differ in
placement on the south versus north side of Mount
Newton Cross Road, as well as separation from
vehicles.

In late February, Central Saanich council plans to
review feedback with input from the Tsawout First
Nation, Saanich Peninsula Accessibility Advisory Com-
mittee and others as it considers the design options.

Anyone who lives, works or spends time in the area
is invited to review project information and share their
thoughts. A print and online feedback form will be open
until Feb. 16.