



The Young Alumnus of the Year Award was designed to recognize contributions by an individual in their field of endeavour, whether through community service or professional achievement. The goal was to recognize a recent graduate who continues to embody the spirit of Bishop's in their corner of the world and celebrate them with their fellow alumni and current students. We are excited to announce that the 2018 Young Alumna of the Year is Emma Fingler '16!

Emma graduated from Bishop's with a BA, Honours Political Studies and minors in Religion and International Studies. While at Bishop's she was a member and captain of the Women's Varsity Soccer Team, intern to the Principal's Chief of Staff and a research assistant.

In the words of her nominator and teammate "Emma consistently demonstrated leadership qualities on and off the field, which influenced and inspired all of her teammates [...] she's one of the most humble and genuine individuals I have met at Bishop's."

Since graduation, Emma went on to pursue a Master of Arts Global Governance at the University of Waterloo's Balsillie School of International Affairs and completed her thesis on the Responsibility to Protect doctrine in the case of natural disaster response. During this time, she completed a graduate fellowship with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and presented her research on Migration Governance at the Borders in Globalization conference in February 2017 and to Global Affairs Canada in June 2017.

Most recently, Emma has spent her time as a Junior Professional Consultant in the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) in Kathmandu, Nepal. There, she contributed to the creation of a report on The Grand Bargain, which determined how much work is being done and what gaps remain to create efficient and effective response to natural disasters in Nepal.

Thank you to all the nominators and nominees this year. The list of young Gaiters doing exceptional things in their communities was truly inspiring. We can't wait to see the list next year!

Emma was back on campus for Grad Send-Off on April 9, 2018 to share her words of wisdom with the Class of 2018 as alumni & friends gathered to support their transition into the Alumni Association! Thank you Emma and we can't wait to see what you do next!