

***First Prize Winner Grades 9-12:***

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**Prize:** \$2,000 for student and \$1,000 for Department/Classroom of Teacher

**City:** Prince Albert, SK

Heroes . . . lives that impact us . . . lives lost. On a lonely stretch of highway in Saskatchewan, a horrific tragedy ended up being the catalyst to sparking what is now known as the “Logan Boulet Effect”. This is the largest movement to become an organ donor in Canada, and it is all due to one young man.

The Humboldt Broncos Junior Hockey team was involved in a devastating bus crash which claimed 16 lives and injured 13. Everyone in Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada mourned the tragic loss of so many lives. Among the people who perished that day, was Logan Boulet.

The simple choice that would affect all of Canada was that shortly after his 21st birthday, Logan had made the decision to become an organ donor in honor of a mentor he had in his life. First responders attended to Logan and he was transported to Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon where his parents were faced with heart-wrenching news. As their son breathed on life support, his mom, Bernadine Boulet, listened to Logan’s heartbeat slowly stop as the medical team readied his body for organ harvest. Logan saved six lives on that fateful and bittersweet day.

Amongst all the tragedy came something positive and inspiring called the “Logan Boulet Effect”. It was the impact that Logan Boulet made, influencing over 100,000 people in Canada to decide to become organ donors. In addition, Logan was named the Humanitarian of the Year by the Dawne Switenky Memorial Foundation.

Logan Boulet, in my opinion, made the biggest impact on Canadian society in 2018 because he directly influenced the immense increase in organ donation. Although Logan lost his life, his decision to be an organ donor will continue to save countless lives in Canada.