

## Arthur Ryan Smith

Arthur Ryan Smith was born in Calgary, Alberta on May 16th, 1919. He got his first job as an oil field worker in Turner Valley, Alberta and spent 4 years working on the oil patch. During the second world war, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and became a pilot, did 34 combat missions and was awarded the Flying Cross. When the war was over, Arthur went back to the oil field and worked up from the bottom to the assistant to the president. He even edited an oilfield magazine and was a host for a sports show on the radio. Arthur did so much in his youth, doing things that he knew were good for his country and community, as well as helping himself learn more skills.

Smith spent many years working for municipal, provincial and federal governments, helping to shape Canada's past, present, and future. He also became a business icon and was recognized for his work with the homeless, with youth sports, and air cadets to name a few. Smith received awards and honors for his military and community contributions. Smith's name can be found on schools around Calgary for his business mind and years spent in helping to build companies and business programs around the city.

Arthur Smith inspires me to be a leader because he led many people to work together in government and business, and they set goals for themselves and achieved them. He passed bills from ideas and views of his community in government. He persuaded others to believe in each other and their goals. Arthur managed people, created visions for the future, and helped to bring those visions to life in business and his government involvement. His dad was in politics, and he

probably had a good role model in the military, which shaped him as a leader, because he was successful and he came home from over 30 missions. Arthur was able to communicate and connect with people from all ages and backgrounds with different beliefs and from different economic backgrounds.

I want to see more big changes, and I recognise that we need more programs and outlets for homeless people to help them get on their feet. I like to be the captain of my sports teams to help lead others to victory, and share my ideas with friends and family to get them involved in my interests. I know that it takes hard work, motivation and dedication to be successful in any job, and I am going to prove that I have it! Because of Arthur's inspirational work in business and creating and building corporations, I am inspired to go into the field of business and join the Chamber of Commerce, to be part of something bigger that helps the whole community that I live in.

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