

## **McGill University Student and Oakville, Ontario Resident Gustavo Marquez is Awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for Mining Engineering**

Westmount, January, 2011 – McGill University student and Oakville, Ontario resident Gustavo Marquez has been awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for mining engineering.

Mr. Marquez is a second year student at McGill University's Mining Engineering program. His professor considers him to be an optimistic and hard working young man who participates as a member of numerous student associations. Gustavo has excellent time management skills and is very motivated and wishes to make the most of his university year experience. His peers recognize his commitment and his ability to lead; they also look to him for advice and solutions in time of crisis during the school year. Gustavo realizes that there are many job opportunities available in the mining industry and he looks forward to a dynamic career. As a future mining engineer, he sees himself working on-site, solving unique technical problems.

In his application, Mr. Marquez wrote that he wants to be part of the mining world as it is technically demanding and offers exciting business challenges as well as opportunities worldwide. As a Canadian who has lived in Venezuela and Asia, he has been exposed, from a young age, to cultures that revolve around the production and export of natural resources. His fascination with the natural features of the earth and the chance to work in all parts of the world contributed to his decision to choose mining as a profession. As resources continue to become more difficult to find and extract, Gustavo wants to lead in optimizing and innovating operations and, ultimately, get more from less. He also wishes to travel to foreign countries on projects involving the development of mines overseas. He would like to be a part of such projects from their inception and, therefore, have the chance to meet with local governments and individuals to assess the mines' feasibility and environmental impacts. Most of all, he wants to make a difference by reducing the environmental impacts of the mines he is assigned to and to contribute to enhancing mining practices towards a greener future. His recent experience while visiting Val-d'Or and what he has learned researching innovative new types of backfill processes confirmed his enthusiasm for working the mining industry.

To maintain its leadership in the mining world, Canada requires the best educated workforce possible to develop new technologies and apply them in the most effective manner. The Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Foundation (CMMF) was founded in 1972, and is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting and supporting education as well as best practices in the many facets of the mining world. Through a variety of activities and programs, the Foundation promotes mining as an enviable career option at all levels from primary school through to University. Although a separate legal entity from the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (CIM), the CMMF was established and continues to be funded by CIM individual members.

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