

University of British Columbia Student and Kelowna, B.C. Resident James Anderson is Awarded the McIntosh Scholarship for Mining Engineering

Westmount, December, 2010 – University of British Columbia (UBC) student and Kelowna, B.C. resident James Anderson has been awarded a McIntosh Scholarship for mining engineering.

Mr. Anderson is a student in Engineering who is highly regarded by his professors and peers and who is noted for his analytical and creative approach. He also spends time contributing to his community as a volunteer. He enjoys working with large machinery and this aspect of working in the mining industry, with its giant haul trucks, is to him, absolutely thrilling. In fact, James Anderson believes that the mining industry will allow him to benefit from a most satisfying, exciting and rewarding career.

In his application, Mr. Anderson stated that he had been told, “One hour in engineering saves ten hours in the shop, and one hundred hours in the field”. He wants to be on the forefront of people who strive to make work in the mining industry faster and more efficient. He knows that every problem has a solution, if it is pursued diligently, and that several potential paths are possible for any given situation or problem. In the summer, he was employed at Teck Highland Valley Copper Partnership, an open-pit mine situated outside of Logan Lake in British Columbia. In this mine, he saw first-hand the importance of engineering while working with a dedicated team on a broad level of projects. They were presented with several challenges, including dam maintenance, building an overpass for haul trucks, gas line routing, to mention a few of their miscellaneous tasks.

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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