

**CMMF Awards the Taking Flight Scholarship
for encouraging Aboriginal high school and
post-secondary students to pursue a career in mining
to Cambrian College Student Samantha Lickers**

Westmount, November, 2010 – Wikwemikong resident and Cambrian student, Samantha Lickers has been awarded the Taking Fight Scholarship to help her pursue her studies in mining engineering.

Ms Lickers is a student in Mining Engineering Technology at Cambrian College. Caring for the environment and Aboriginal culture has been her goal throughout her studies. She has volunteered with Karen J. Pheasant & Co., an independent artistic performance company, which facilitates awareness through cultural events and programming. Both her co-workers and her professor were impressed by her pride in First Nation culture and her general enthusiasm. She also successfully enhanced the awareness of Aboriginal culture as it relates to the mining industry, by presenting mining-related land claim issues to her class.

In her application for the award, she stated that she has always wanted to pursue a career where she would be able to explore different areas and continue to grow in her profession. Mining engineering was her first choice. Through her program, she has had opportunities to discover new places and meet professionals working in the industry. She is certain that mining engineering will offer her a wide range of career choices and that it can be done with the least impact to the environment. Her goal is to become an excellent mining safety officer while working in an environmentally responsible manner. She would also be proud to represent Aboriginals and women in the mining engineering profession.

To maintain its leadership in the mining world, Canada requires the best educated workforce 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 a first-rate career option to all educational 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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