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Student Biographies

Petro-Canada Emerging Leaders Program Awardees

Adele D'Adamo (commerce, Haskayne School of Business)

Adele is currently completing her B. Comm in the Haskayne School of Business. She appreciates the flexibility of a business education though she is interested in employee motivation and sees a future working in human resources. Adele hopes to complete a semester abroad in Italy to gain a better understanding of her Italian heritage.

Nathan Fester (geophysics, Faculty of Science)

Exploration geophysics, hydrology and aquifers, calculus and computer science – it's all interesting for Nathan. An earth science student majoring in geophysics, Nathan has explored many potential opportunities for his career, but hasn't made any firm decisions. "I love math and science so I'm enjoying all of my classes right now. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to focus my attention on my future and it means a lot to know someone believes in my potential."

Calvin Ho (mechanical engineering, Schulich School of Engineering)

Calvin is in his second year of mechanical engineering. He has always had an interest in mechanics of cars and hopes to work in the automotive industry upon graduation. After school work, Calvin keeps busy working part time at a computer centre and organizing activities for a youth group.

Nicole Marshall (mechanical engineering, Schulich School of Engineering)

Completing a degree in mechanical engineering with a biomedical speciality, allows Nicole to combine two areas she finds fascinating. She is thoroughly enjoying anatomy and physiology courses and would like to pursue a career in medical research. Nicole is part of the student faculty liaison committee for the biomedical engineering program and participates in student dance clubs.

Shannon Payne (mechanical engineering, Schulich School of Engineering)

Shannon is in her second year in mechanical engineering, with a specialization in energy and environment. Her interest in math and science led her to this program and she sees her future in designing automotive and aerospace transportation with a focus on environmental considerations. In her spare time, Shannon plays the bass guitar and harmonica while jamming with friends and works as gymnastics coach in the summer.

Colin Rowell (geophysics, Faculty of Science)

Colin developed an interest in volcanoes on a trip to Hawaii. Now, by studying geophysics, with a plan to focus in volcanology, he will be able to research volcanoes for a living. Colin is enthusiastic about all aspects of earth science as being outside doing field work blends well with his passion for the outdoors. When not studying, he can be found rock climbing, hiking, playing tennis, biking, boating or skiing.

Alicia Simmonds (accounting, Haskayne School of Business)

Alicia enjoys math, which is why studying accounting and looking forward to a career as a chartered accountant. While completing her business degree, she's gained invaluable knowledge about how organizations function and hopes to apply this to her own accounting firm one day. Alicia would like to complete a semester in New Zealand next year to gain exposure and understanding of international business operations.

Scott Young (chemical engineering, Schulich School of Engineering)

Competitive trampolining keeps Scott busier than lots of engineering students. He juggles training and competitions with classes, but all for good reason. He hopes to become one of the top two trampoline athletes in Canada, which would mean a trip to the Olympics. He already competes at the national level and is currently training for international competition. He is also completing his second year in chemical engineering and would like to pursue a career in oil and gas in Calgary.