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CEMI honours award-winning Laurentian Engineering Students

Sudbury, Ontario - Tuesday, March 30th 2010 marked a day of celebration for students from Laurentian University's School of Engineering and representatives of Laurentian University, the mining business community, and the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI), Sudbury's innovative mining research institute.

Ten students attended a luncheon in their honour hosted by CEMI for demonstrating leadership and excellence in engineering. Their accomplishments included a first place award in the Ontario Engineering Competition and the Canadian Engineering Competition, as well as the Kossatz Scholarship and Stantec/McIntosh Engineering Scholarship.

Dr. Peter Kaiser, President of CEMI, was proud to honour these students on this occasion. "As an organization focused on supporting the development of excellence in the mining sector, we must remember that students are an important part of this equation," said Kaiser. "We are actively supporting several universities in undertaking research and transferring knowledge to the mining community. Our spotlight on Laurentian today highlights the fact that there is a level of excellence here, a gem in the City of Greater Sudbury."

The recipients for the Mason C.F. Kossatz Memorial Scholarship were Curtis Cameron, Simone Hensher, and Jamie Waine. The Stantec/McIntosh Engineering Scholarship winners included, Curtis Cameron, Jacob Francoeur, Ryan Jakov, and Scott Ross. Lauren Flett, Samuel Carriere, Patrick Chartrand, and Kyle Beaudry won in the Senior Design Team Category for the Ontario Engineering Competition. They then proceeded to the Canadian Engineering Competition earlier this month and won first place for a second time!

Dr. Dougal McCreath, Director for the School of Engineering at Laurentian University remarked that "it is indeed a great occasion when so many of our students are recognized for their outstanding achievements and honoured with prestigious awards of excellence. We take pride in their achievements as their teachers and mentors, knowing full well that they will go on to mentor the next generation."

This occasion concluded with a networking segment introducing students to leaders in the mining industry, such as Symboticware, Stantec, and Golder Associates. "CEMI's view is long-term," commented Peter Kaiser, "Connecting industry with young leaders is another way to support what we know will be a bright future for our industry."

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Backgrounder

CEMI

CEMI is a not for profit corporation, funded by the private sector and Ontario Government which, through collaboration with industry, government, research delivery organizations and academia, facilitates the delivery of research initiatives within the mining industry. This CEMI-led collaborative approach assembles world class solution teams working to resolve the industry's most pressing issues.

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Laurentian University

Laurentian's mining engineering program places an emphasis on underground, hard rock, metalliferous mining. Several major mining-related research centres are located on the Laurentian campus, focussing on issues such as rock mechanics, robotics and automation in mining, innovative mining techniques, deep mining productivity enhancement, and sustainability in mining. A Co-op option is also available for the undergraduate mining program, giving students the opportunity to work in industry and put their knowledge to use, whilst earning money and networking with potential employers. This program also boast 100% placement. www.laurentian.ca

Scholarship and Competition

The Mason C.F. Kossatz Memorial Scholarship

The Mason C.F. Kossatz Memorial Scholarship was established by the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Mr. Mason C.F. Kossatz, who passed away in 1989, to commemorate his many contributions to the profession of mining engineering.

McIntosh Engineering Scholarship Fund & Stantec – Mining Scholarship for Academic Excellence

These scholarships are granted to premiere students early in their years of study in the mining and mechanical engineering programs at Laurentian University.

Ontario Engineering Competition

The Ontario Engineering Competition is an annual competition hosted by different Ontario engineering universities. In 2010 the OEC was held at University of Waterloo. In 2010 the OEC was a design challenge competition involving sixteen engineering teams from all universities in Ontario.