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A road to success: Betty Spalton scholarship applications are being accepted now

Burnaby, B.C. – The B.C. Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association (BCRB) is now accepting applications for its 2015 Betty Spalton Scholarships.

The Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund was established by the BCRB in 1999 to provide financial support to individuals obtaining an education in fields associated with the road building and heavy construction industries.

The fund honours Betty Spalton, an industry and association leader who died after a brief illness in 1999. Betty began her career with BC's Ministry of Transportation and Highways. She later served as District Highways Manager in McBride and went on to become President and General Manager of the Okanagan South (Penticton) Division of Argo Road Maintenance. As a member of the BC Road Builders' board of directors, she headed the maintenance sector and was an acknowledged expert in maintenance policy, standards, business management and construction in general.

The Association proudly awards up to two scholarships each year in Betty's honour to students pursuing careers in heavy civil construction such as heavy equipment operators/mechanics, paving laydown technicians, grades persons, project managers, engineers, etc.

Congratulations to the 2014 winners: Charlie Drummond, Leigh Wall and Alycia Doering.

Charlie is pursuing a business degree at the University of British Columbia's (UBC) Okanagan Campus in hopes to one day employ more preventative maintenance techniques such as micro-surfacing and crack sealing.

Leigh spent years in various jobs including being a legal administrative assistant and waitress when she finally realized she wanted to pursue a career as a heavy duty mechanic- she is currently in her first year pursuing the Truck and Transportation Apprentice program at First Truck Centre Vancouver.

Alycia is pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Environmental Engineering at UBC in hopes of becoming involved in engineering, project management and sustainability projects.

Please encourage any of your employees, family or friends who may be eligible to find out more about the Betty Spalton Scholarship Program (for information, visit www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/education_fund.php).

B.C. Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association is the recognized advocate for the development and maintenance of core infrastructure and a balanced, safe transportation system that promotes economic growth. The association represents more than 250 firms involved in grading, asphalt and concrete manufacturing, paving, utility construction, road and bridge building/maintenance, blasting, as well as related goods and services suppliers.

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