

Petroleum Services Sector Raises Thousands for Students at Annual Golf Classic

(Calgary, AB) The Petroleum Services Association of Canada's (PSAC's) Education Fund just became about \$50,000 richer, and knowing that this money is going to be turned over to post-secondary students in western Canada is making a group of students very happy today.

On July 21st, 136 oilpatch employees and their guests took to the fairways in Calgary for a day of fundraising and fun, and along with a slate of committed sponsors, generated approximately \$50,000 for education through the annual PSAC Education Fund Golf Classic.

The event, which took place at the Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club, boasted a number of highlights including a special cheque presentation to some of the 2011 scholarship winners: Stuart Harris, a University of Calgary Mechanical Engineering student affiliated with Weatherford Canada Partnership, and Tiffany Huard, a University of Calgary student taking her Bachelor of Commerce/Marketing degree and is affiliated with Apex Distribution Inc. Stuart and Tiffany are two of five students awarded the \$1,000 scholarships as part of PSAC's 2011 Education Fund.

Three other students, not able to attend the golf fundraiser, who are also being awarded the \$1,000 PSAC scholarships are:

- Shivangi Nagarajan, a University of Alberta Dentistry student connected to PSAC through Varco Canada ULC;
- Clinton Potts, a University of Alberta Engineering student affiliated with Bonnett's Energy Services LP; and
- Chelsea Ritter, a University of Alberta Petroleum Engineering student also connected to PSAC's program through Weatherford Canada Partnership.

Additionally, the PSAC Roger Soucy Legacy Scholarship Funded by KPMG is a \$2,500 award managed through the PSAC Education Program and presented to a student pursuing post-secondary education in a petroleum-related or trades-related program while contributing to their community. KPMG will award \$2,500 each year over the next five years through this scholarship, and the first ever recipient – Morgan Holman – was in attendance at Thursday's event to receive her scholarship award. Morgan attends Northern Lakes College in Slave Lake, Alberta, studies Power Engineering, and is connected to the PSAC Education Fund through member company Sanjel Corporation.

Finally, more scholarships from the PSAC Education Fund will be awarded later this year to students attending trade schools throughout western Canada that offer petroleum-related or trades-related programs. Four scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to students studying at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton; Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary; Keyano College in Fort McMurray; Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology (SIAST) in Saskatoon, and Northern Lights College at various campuses throughout northeastern BC.



“The PSAC Education Fund Golf Classic is known as one of the oilpatch’s most popular tournaments. As a longstanding tradition within the petroleum services sector, it’s an example of the industry coming together to support an important cause,” says Mark Salkeld, President of PSAC.

“All proceeds are directed to the PSAC Education Fund, created in 2001 to promote awareness of careers in the petroleum industry and help develop the labour pool for the upstream oil and gas industry’s services sector. Since its inception in 2001, the Fund has awarded over \$175,000 in scholarships and grants to deserving recipients. The program provides benefits both to students pursuing their education and the oil and gas industry,” Salkeld added.

“This tournament never gets stale, even after all these years,” said Clyde Bonnell of National Oilwell Varco and Chair of the Golf Tournament Committee. “It was a great day – the event is a lot of fun and is only possible because of the tremendous support of our many member golfers, their guests, and our generous sponsors.”

The event also featured an online auction which showcased two high-end packages, including the use of a luxury suite for 12 at a Calgary Flames home game donated by Tenaris, and a golf getaway for four at Kokanee Springs Resort donated by Import Tool Corp. Proceeds from the online auction also go to the Education Fund. More information on the PSAC Education Fund can be found at <http://www.pfac.ca/community/education-fund>.

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC represents a diverse range of over 255 member companies, employing more than 58,000 people and contracting almost exclusively to oil and gas exploration and production companies. PSAC member companies represent over 80 per cent of the business volume generated in the petroleum services industry.

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