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Petroleum Services Sector Raises Nearly $50,000 to Create Future Labour Pool

(Calgary, AB) -– The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) today announced its annual Education Fund Golf Classic tournament raised approximately $50,000 thanks to the 144 oilpatch employees and their guests as well as the generosity of numerous sponsors who took to the fairways in Calgary yesterday for a day of fundraising and fun.

The annual tournament is the primary fundraiser for the PSAC Education Fund which was established in 2001 to promote the awareness of careers in the petroleum services sector and to create a labour pool for the upstream petroleum services sector. Since 2001, the Fund has awarded nearly $200,000 in scholarships and grants to deserving recipients.

“It was a fantastic day,” says Mark Salkeld, President and CEO of PSAC. “This tournament is an example of industry coming together in support of a great cause, and the scholarships we are able to award are a benefit to both students pursuing post-secondary education and to the oil and gas industry.”

“Attracting workers remains one of the most significant challenges faced by the petroleum services sector,” adds Salkeld. “The PSAC Education Fund is one program among many initiatives PSAC has undertaken that are providing solutions to the current labour shortage PSAC members are dealing with.”

Highlights of the tournament, which took place at the Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club, included a cheque presentation to Samantha Tumback of Calgary, a University of Calgary Bachelor of Commerce student affiliated with Strike Energy Services Inc., who was awarded one of five 2012 PSAC Regular Member scholarships in the amount of $1000. Other 2012 PSAC Regular Member scholarship recipients from across Western Canada who were unable to attend the event include:

- Reid Beeson of Barrhead, Alberta, a Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) sheet metal student, affiliated with Apex Distribution Inc.;
- Maksym Halenda of Cold Lake, Alberta, a Athabasca University Bachelor of Commerce student, an employee of Tervita Corporation;
- Reid Paterson of Weyburn, Saskatchewan, a University of Regina Bachelor of Applied Science in Petroleum Systems Engineering student, associated with Apex Distribution Inc.; and,
- Amy Wilson of Bragg Creek, Alberta, a University of Victoria Bachelor of Commerce student, connected to Trican Well Service Ltd.

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Additionally, the PSAC Roger Soucy Legacy Scholarship Funded by KPMG is a $2,500 award managed through the PSAC Education Fund and presented to a student who is pursuing post-secondary education in a petroleum-related or trades-related program while contributing to their community. The 2012 winner is Brenna Stang, a Queen's University engineering student affiliated with CE Franklin Ltd. from Macklin, Saskatchewan. Ms. Stang has successfully balanced her studies, a part-time job, numerous volunteer commitments, as well as coaching and playing soccer.

Finally, the PSAC Education Fund provides financial support to PSAC scholarship programs for students enrolled in petroleum services related programs at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton; the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary; Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science & Technology (SIAST) in Saskatoon; Keyano College in Fort McMurray, and Northern Lights College at various campuses throughout northeastern BC.

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 250 member companies, employing more than 65,000 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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