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Over \$15,000 Raised by the Petroleum Services Sector to Support Post-secondary Education

Calgary, Alberta – The Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) today announced its annual Education Fund Golf Classic tournament raised over \$15,000 thanks to the generosity of oil-patch employees and their guests as well as the numerous sponsors who took to the fairways in De Winton yesterday.

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 over \$320,000 in scholarships and grants to deserving recipients.

“It was a tough call this year to hold the PSAC Education Fund Golf Tournament considering the beleaguered state the sector is in but we did and once again the petroleum services sector came through with amazing generosity even in these difficult times, the incentive being as per usual, the PSAC Education Fund,” says Mark Salkeld, President and CEO of PSAC. He continues, “This generosity directly supports one of our many efforts to address the upcoming labour shortage the petroleum service, supply and manufacturing sectors will experience when things turn around. It is through the PSAC Education Fund and its scholarships where we can make a difference.”

Highlights of the tournament, which took place at the Carnmoney Golf & Country Club included a cheque presentation to scholarship recipient Teghan Opas, a University of Calgary student pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Teghan, affiliated with Apex Distribution Inc., was awarded the 2016 PSAC Roger Soucy Legacy Scholarship Funded by KPMG, in the amount \$2,500. This scholarship is awarded to an applicant for achieving academic excellence and demonstrating commitment to his/her community.

PSAC also awarded PSAC Regular Member scholarships to five students this year. They are:

Shannon Joyes of Edmonton, Alberta, affiliated with Forum Energy Technologies;

Vy Mai of Calgary, Alberta, affiliated with National Oilwell Varco;

Kayla Wagner of Edmonton, Alberta, affiliated with National Oilwell Varco;

Megan Jesse of Edson, Alberta, affiliated with Apex Distribution Inc.; and

Jo Makkonen of Calgary, Alberta, affiliated with DistributionNOW, a Division of DNOW Canada ULC.

The PSAC Education Fund also provides financial support to PSAC scholarship programs for students enrolled in petroleum services related programs at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton; SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary; Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Saskatoon; Keyano College in Fort McMurray, and Northern Lights College at various campuses throughout northeastern British Columbia.

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. As the voice of Canada’s petroleum service, supply and manufacturing sector, PSAC advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement and in-the-field experience they supply to Canada’s energy explorers and producers, helping to increase efficiency, improve safety and protect the environment. PSAC member companies represent a significant portion of the business volume generated in the petroleum services industry.

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