



ASSOCIATION FOR CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION BC/Yukon

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Website Update

The ACE website has recently been upgraded to incorporate more functionality for our employers.

Employers are able to:

- Update their profiles
- Post new positions
- Access previous posting information
- Edit and repost positions

Reminder:

Keep the ACE membership informed! Update the ACE Calendar with your upcoming events.

GREETINGS FROM OUR ACE PRESIDENT

As the current Winter/Spring term comes to a close, we turn our sights to the upcoming summer and the amazing professional development opportunities that will be available to ACE BC/Yukon members.

The preparations for the upcoming WACE/ACE Conference (June 23-26, 2009) are well underway and close to completion. Many ACE members have volunteered to ensure that this conference will be one of the best WACE has ever seen! There is still time to register—the early bird registration rate has been extended to May 1, 2009. If you are still interested in volunteering during the conference, please contact Larry Iles at TRU.

We are excited to announce that Brian Train from the Ministry of Advanced Education (an honorary lifetime ACE member) was instrumental in securing a one time sponsorship of \$15,000 from the Ministry of Advanced Education to fund student participation at the WACE 2009 Vancouver Conference.

ACE has been busy over the past six months. Thanks to the PD committee for a successful event focusing on Retaining, Sustaining, and Training Students

and we are now looking forward to the June PD session.

The Research Committee has now completed its project to study the impact of co-op on student recruitment, engagement and retention. The committee will be showcasing their findings through CEIA, WACE, CAFCE and related journals.

The Web Enhancement Committee has been working on an ACE Housing Website and a beta site will be available by end of April. Watch for a presentation in June in conjunction with the WACE conference. We are hoping to have the site available for students this May.

Memberships have been renewed to an all time record high thanks to the diligent work of Andrea Giles. A special welcome to our newest members.

Also, a gentle reminder to take the time to consider nominating your colleagues to the ACE board. This is an excellent opportunity for co-op practitioners to participate in the direction of co-op in BC as well as furthering their professional development.

Harriet Chicoine
ACE President



Info for members of

Association for

Co-operative

Education

ACE Annual General Meeting & Spring PD Event

June 23, 2009 @ 11:30am
Sheraton Wall Centre
Vancouver, BC

"CAFCE Accreditation - How can it work for you?"

RSVP by June 1, 2009 to
Carole Hebden
(hebden@tru.ca)

WACE 2009 Conference

Early-bird registration has
been extended to May 1,
2009

Registration and conference
information is available at:
www.waceinc.org/vancouver

ACE Committee Contacts

Contact us to get involved!

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CONGRATULATIONS! ACE CO-OP STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2008



Dorian Gangloff, 5th year UBC Engineering Physics student, has proven himself to be a very keen, motivated, interested and interesting individual who has always demonstrated a high level of professionalism and positivity. Dorian is truly a model co-op student and has shown himself to be a top performer in each of his four co-op work terms.

For his final work term in Summer 2008, Dr. Andre Longtin gave Dorian a "10 out of 10" and stated that "Dorian is fantastic – technically his background is great and he has learned a great deal in the area of neuroscience through his own initiative. He is eager, self-directed and possesses excellent problem-solving skills. He's a real pleasure to work with".

An Honourable Mention was awarded to **Katelyn Mueller**, a Molecular Biology and Biochemistry student from Simon Fraser University. Katelyn scored extremely high in the selection process and the committee would like to recognize her achievements.

A special thanks to the Selection Committee who gave thoughtful consideration to all of the candidates. The committee is comprised of Marion Oke (TRU, Chair), Ryan Bennett (UNBC), Natalie Erickson (SFU), Lynne Murchie (UBC), Dana Wakabayashi (Douglas College) and Pamela Welgan (UVic).



Jennifer LeMercier, Camosun College Environmental Technology student, spent her first work term with the Ministry of Forests and Range as a Wildland Fire Science Technician in Victoria and Prince George studying the effects of the mountain pine beetle on the forest. While her commitment to the job included voluntarily taking extra training courses, her dedication to the environment went beyond that.

"Jennifer took every occasion to introduce green ideas in the work place and to lead by example," says her supervisor, Nathalie Lavoie. "This was above and beyond her job description and the whole office benefitted from her actions." According to Lavoie, LeMercier demonstrated a level of maturity seldom encountered in students.