

// WELDING INSTRUCTOR JARED MCKENZIE WINS CICAN AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

During the 2016 Annual Conference, Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) was thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2016 Awards of Excellence, recognizing the passionate staff, teachers, researchers, administrators and students who excel in all aspects of post-secondary education.

The winner of the CICan Gold Award for Teaching Excellence, Jared McKenzie, an instructor in welding at Great Plains College (GPC) since 2008, has developed an innovative curriculum entitled “Carhartts and Caviar” within his pre-employment welding class.

This program encourages creativity by asking students to research, design and build unusual projects based on a theme. Their creations are then presented for auction, with all proceeds going back to the college community.

Congratulations Jared!



Welding instructor, Jared McKenzie.

// GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE OFFERS NEW POWER ENGINEERING COURSE

Great Plains College is pleased to announce the addition of a Third Class Power Engineering course at its Kindersley Campus.

The new course, which is brokered from Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), will complement the existing Fourth Class Power Engineering program in Kindersley.

“Many of our students that complete the Fourth Class Power Engineering program are looking to continue their education with the Third Class course,” explained Fritz Eckstein, region manager at Great Plains College. “This new course will allow our Fourth Class students to continue into Third Class training, while also opening the doors for others to further their education and career in the field.”

Applications are now being accepted for the first cohort of the course, which is set to run April 10-July 21, 2017. Anyone with a Fourth Class Provincial Certificate is eligible to apply.

“We know there is a high demand for power engineering programs in the province, so we’re excited to offer another option for those wanting to access Third Class training,” said Eckstein.

According to Great Plains College 2013-14 Annual Follow-up Survey conducted by Fast Consulting, 83 per cent of contacted Kindersley Fourth Class Power Engineering graduates were employed within the year following their program.

In the four-month Third Class Power Engineering course, students will work

through the 60 SAIT Third Class Power Engineering modules and participate in an optional practicum. Successful completion of the modules and exams will give students six months’ credit toward the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan’s steam time requirement at the Third Class level. Students will also have the opportunity to write the Part A and Part B interprovincial exams.

To apply or learn more about Third or Fourth Class Power Engineering at Great Plains College, visit:

greatplainscollege.ca/programs-courses/college-trades-university

or contact the Kindersley Campus at (306) 463-6431.

// GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE BUSINESS GRADUATE IS TAKING ON THE GAMING WORLD

It's been a year to remember for Carson Montgomery, a recent Great Plains College Business Certificate graduate and part-owner of SKL eSports Inc. (SKLeague) – Saskatchewan's first and only legitimate competitive League of Legends league.

Just one year ago, Carson took a leap of faith into the world of entrepreneurship, turning his passion for the online video game League of Legends into a business.

"League of Legends is the world's most popular video game, with over 27 million users worldwide," Montgomery explained. "Competitive leagues exist all over the world, and with a large player base in Saskatchewan, we figured why not start a league here?"

This past season, SKLeague had over 20 teams come out to compete in the qualification tournament, and only the top eight moved on to regular season play.

"This season was our most successful yet," Montgomery said. "We had interest from players across Western Canada and even some in the United States."

The league wrapped up in May with a final championship tournament that was held in Saskatoon.

Like a true entrepreneur, Montgomery is always looking for new ways to grow his business. With that continuous improvement attitude in mind, he made a decision to return to school to grow his knowledge of the business world.

"Great Plains College was a great option for me because it offered a flexible learning environment and quality program instructors, right at home in Swift Current," Montgomery said.

The Business Certificate program offered at the Swift Current and Warman campuses promises just that – quality instruction and comfortable class sizes that make for a personal, supportive and productive learning environment.

Business students learn about everything from insurance and business plans, to human resources and marketing. For Montgomery, the accounting aspect of the program was the most beneficial.

"I've always been a fairly 'self-taught' guy, but you can't beat face-to-face instruction for complicated subject matter like accounting,"

Montgomery explained. "I'll definitely carry those skills with me as my partners and I look to expand our business in the future."

Great Plains College offers a variety of certificate, diploma and degree programs at its six locations. For more information on the Business Certificate or other programs at Great Plains College, visit greatplainscollege.ca.

To learn more about SKLeague, visit skleague.ca.

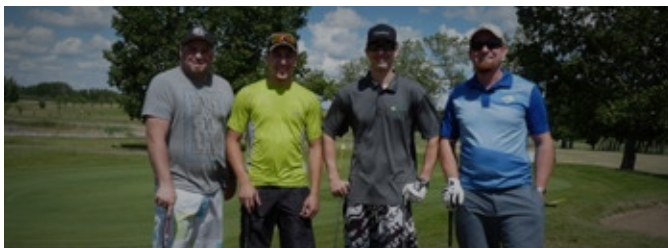


Business alum and part-owner of SKL eSports Inc. (SKLeague), Carson Montgomery.

// 4TH ANNUAL BIGGAR CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC RAISES CLOSE TO \$7,000

The 4th Annual Biggar Charity Golf Classic was held on Friday, June 24, at Biggar Golf Club with very happy golfers, an abundance of sunshine, beautiful greens and just enough wind to keep the bugs away.

Close to \$7,000 was raised for Entrance Scholarships thanks to the event sponsors and volunteers from Biggar and the surrounding area.



Left to right, Mike Scott, Catlin Heather, Josh Woloshyn and Gary Lomenda participated on behalf of Western Sales Ltd., who was one of the sponsors of the tournament.

// NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY CELEBRATES GIVING

National Philanthropy Day is a celebration of philanthropy—giving, volunteering and charitable engagement.

The celebration highlights all accomplishments and is a grassroots movement to increase public interest and awareness of the importance of philanthropy, as well as knowledge on giving, volunteering and engagement at the charitable level.

Canada has recognized National Philanthropy Day since 2012—on November 15 communities across the globe will celebrate by hosting events to recognize activities of donors, volunteers, foundations, leaders, corporations and others engaged in philanthropy.

Great Plains College will celebrate National Philanthropy Day again this November as we honor and show appreciation for all that has been accomplished in the name of giving.

Watch our website and your local newspaper for details.

// KEE SHEET METAL SUPPORTS STUDENTS IN KINDERSLEY

Kee Sheet Metal has served the plumbing and heating needs of Kindersley and the surrounding area for 64 years. Their staff bring over 235 years of combined experience providing great service and respect in the plumbing and heating field.



The name “Kee Sheet Metal” started with the initials of the three towns where the founder first opened shops: Kindersley, Eston and Eatonia. Currently employing 12 people, the company continues to educate the staff through the apprenticeship program and other learning facilities.

In June 2016, Sharon Haubrich, owner, sold Kee Sheet Metal to new owners Bill and Glen Etter of Eston. Over the past few years, Sharon’s commitment to Great Plains College has remained strong because of her late husband’s passion to support students in the Kindersley community and area.

Bernie Haubrich always tried to use students in their company. Currently, Katie Critchlow, Alumna of the Administration Assistant

program (graduated 2008) and Cheryl Fischer, Alumna of the Administration Assistant program (graduated 2010), are a testament to his belief to have Great Plains College alumni work at Kee Sheet Metal.

It was Sharon’s idea to build on Bernie’s passion to engage new graduates and to donate to the college. Katie explained: “Great Plains College is worthwhile in our community. Without the college, I would not have had the opportunity for this job. When I found out that Sharon donated to the college, I felt great knowing that the company can make a difference in the lives of a student who might not be able to afford it. If you ever think of donating, it is a great opportunity to give back to the community as there are many adults who want to get a better education.”

// OPTIMIZE STUDENT SUCCESS

With the support of donors, Great Plains College will continue to ensure students have the opportunity to access the training and skills necessary to work in today’s economy and make a difference in tomorrow’s Saskatchewan.

Great Plains College offers a wide range of benefits to donors, enabling connection with students while they attending the college. If you would like to give to the Great Plains College scholarship program, please contact the development office below.

Thank you for your ongoing support and making a difference in the lives of our students.

**Phone: 306-778-5482 Email: development@greatplainscollege.ca
Visit: www.greatplainscollege.ca/donate**

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- WW Smith Insurance Ltd.

// MACMOR INDUSTRIES SEES IMPORTANCE IN BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Founded in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and 100 per cent Canadian owned, MacMor Industries is a 90-year old, family-based company that offers itself as a “one-stop-shop” to the construction, agricultural, forestry, mining, oil and gas, utility, sheltered structures and transportation sectors located in Western Canada and Northern Ontario.

Nadine Theirman, branch manager, first was involved with Great Plains College when she attended as a student in 1995. She kept in contact with the college and attended many events with her children. Recently, working at MacMor Industries has allowed her to give back as an avid supporter for the welding program through sponsorship of the Carhartts & Caviar event.

“It has been so easy to work with the college,” Nadine stated. “Everyone is friendly and awesome as they want the best for the students.”

Nadine explained that the college allowed her, as a single parent, to take a program and help her succeed. Since Theirman’s time as a student she remarked that “the college is always evolving and adding more classes. Now, a student can get a degree from GPC if they choose.”

The college sees the importance of building communities and so does its donor, MacMor Industries. “Donating is very important not only for me personally, but for MacMor. Because MacMor Industries is community focused, the college provides a great avenue to reach out to a wide sector of all age groups.” Nadine said.

She explained, “When you donate to the college, you see where the funding goes and how students are better-off as they succeed in their studies. It helps them pave the way to live better in our community.

“My cousin, Hayden, was in the welding program this past year. He really played an important part in my life and in enhancing my involvement with the college. Hayden has a hearing impairment and the college didn’t doubt his ability—they helped him meet all of his needs to succeed. This is very important to our family.”

Theirman continued, “It is always interesting to know that everyone I talk to has some role or knows someone working at or attending the college. There are so many success stories in our community! Students have a great opportunity to expand their life positions from a minimum wage job to a more secure, higher paying, career position. I am proud to know that MacMor Industries plays an important role in the students’ achievements.”



Nadine Theirman, branch manager of MacMor Industries, Swift Current.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Warman Scholarship Reception** Oct. 12 at 8 AM
- **Biggar Scholarship Reception**..... Oct.12 at 4 PM
- **Kindersley Scholarship Reception**..... Oct. 13 at 12 PM
- **Swift Current Scholarship Reception** Oct. 19 at 4 PM
- **National Philanthropy Day** Nov. 15

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