

go2 AWARDS BURSARIES TO CULINARY, HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

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VANCOUVER, BC - go2, the BC tourism industry's human resources organization, is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual Scholarship and Bursary Program for post-secondary studies in the culinary arts and in tourism / hospitality management.

Eight students have been selected to each receive a bursary valued at \$500.00. Applications were reviewed and winners selected by an industry panel, in conjunction with go2. The selection criteria included industry aptitude and experience, relevant extracurricular activities, scholastic record, essay quality, financial need, and references.

The demand for skilled, career-minded people in the culinary and management fields is so high leading up to 2010 and beyond that both are dubbed hot jobs in the industry. More than 15,000 new management openings are projected in the food and beverage and accommodations sectors alone, which together make up BC's hospitality industry. Just under 12,000 new openings are expected for cooks and chefs.

go2's culinary and management bursaries encourage education and training in these high-growth areas, recognize student achievement and potential, support enrollment, and assist students financially.

Chef and Cook Training Bursaries:

James Bob, Culinary Arts, Malaspina University-College, Nanaimo

James Cummins, Professional Culinary Program, Northwest Culinary Academy of Vancouver

Adam Florence, Culinary Arts Level III, University College of the Cariboo, Kamloops

Dennis Gogag, Culinary Arts, Northwest Community College, Terrace

Cindy Knight, Culinary Arts, Okanagan University College, Kelowna

Josee Lavoie, Culinary Arts, College of the Rockies, Cranbrook

Katherine McConeghy, Culinary Arts, Vancouver Community College

Tourism / Hospitality Management Bursary:

Deborah Westover, Tourism Hospitality Management, Sprott-Shaw College, Duncan

With her sights set on becoming a Resort Manager, student Deborah Westover was delighted to learn she was the top candidate for the Tourism / Hospitality Management Bursary.

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“ I am very excited about the tourism course I’m enrolled in,” says Deborah. “The industry is very exciting in our province right now with all the growth and opportunities. As I come closer to the finish date it excites me to realize the different avenues I might choose in this field.” Deborah’s bursary will give her some breathing room while she looks for work after graduating this spring.

Secondary School Program scholarships will be awarded in the summer for students who have acquired Tourism 11/12 credits or who are graduates of the Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism program (Gold Level) for the 2004 / 2005 academic year.

About go2

Established by the BC tourism industry in April 2003, go2 is the resource for people in Tourism. go2’s mission is to assist the tourism industry address challenges in attracting employees and retaining its workforce in order to support industry growth. BC tourism currently ranks as one of the province's largest economic sectors in terms of employment and revenue; directly employing 117,500 people and projected to be worth \$9.4 billion in visitor revenue in 2004.

For more about go2, its scholarship programs, and human resource development initiatives for BC's tourism industry, visit www.go2hr.ca.

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