



## **Roland Michener Secondary School graduate awarded EnCana scholarship**

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*HIGH PRAIRIE, AB* – A graduate of Roland Michener Secondary School in Slave Lake has been awarded the 2009 EnCana High School Scholarship.

Former HPSD student Joel Gagnon was chosen as this year's scholarship recipient on Sept. 17, 2009. He is presently working towards his Bachelor of Science degree (specializing in geology) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and is looking forward to a rewarding career as a petroleum geologist.

Offering congratulations to Gagnon on behalf of HPSD's Board of Trustees is Chairperson Joyce Dvornek.

"It gives me great pleasure to formally congratulate Joel on his recent selection as a recipient of the 2009 EnCana High School Scholarship based on his outstanding commitment and dedication towards academic excellence," Dvornek explains.

"This personal achievement is indicative of the high educational standards which High Prairie School Division, the Board of Trustees and staff place upon student success."

Rita Erven of EnCana Corporation's community investment department says, "At EnCana, we support a focused approach to helping develop a sustainable, skilled workforce by promoting an interest in science, trades and technology. Our scholarship program supports students who are pursuing a post-secondary education in an oil and gas industry-related field through a degree, diploma or certificate program."

Valued at \$10,000, EnCana's High School Scholarship is awarded to senior high school students demonstrating a strong commitment towards both academic achievement and community involvement. Individuals chosen as recipients of the scholarship must be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited university or technical institution, studying an oil and gas industry-related course.

The annual scholarship provides graduating students with funding of \$2,500 per year for up to four years and is awarded to one graduating student in each school district within EnCana's operational area.

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