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Canadian Institute of Mining digs deep to help CNC students

The Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM) donated \$30,000 to CNC on Friday to help support those students interested in a career in mining.

A total of \$28,000 will go into an endowment fund, which will continuously generate scholarships and bursaries. The remaining \$2,000 will be handed out next year as four awards worth \$500 each.

“The mining industry is a rapidly growing field with excellent career opportunities,” said Jamie Hull, Vice Chair of the North Central B.C. branch of the CIM. “We wanted to help CNC students attain the education that will allow them to excel in this growing industry, which has a very bright future in northern B.C.,” said Hull, who is also the general manager for Wolftek Industries in Prince George.

CNC’s mining certificate program has been successfully delivered at the Fort St. James and Burns Lake campuses, with more than 80% of graduates earning jobs. The program is offered on a rotational basis at CNC’s regional campuses and is currently underway in Quesnel and Vanderhoof.

CIM is the leading technical society of professionals associated with the Canadian minerals and materials industry. CIM has 11,000 members from industry, government and academia who are dedicated to the discovery, production, utilization and economics of minerals, metals and petroleum. The NCBC Branch of CIM opened in the fall of 1997 as a result of increased mining activity in the area. The NCBC Branch spans a large area, about 600 km north to south, encompassing Quesnel, Williams Lake, Prince George and Smithers, as well as many other small communities.

“This long-term commitment by CIM will help educate people in northern B.C. and proves that this group is dedicated to the communities in which they operate,” said Randall Heidt, CNC Director of Communications and Development. “We are delighted to have CIM on board with us and encourage other companies to contact us so they can also begin growing their own qualified employees.”

For more information on the mining certificate, which helps graduates earn entry level mining jobs, visit www.cnc.bc.ca

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Mining Certificate Background

The mining certificate has been successfully delivered at CNC campuses in Fort St. James and Burns Lake, with more than 80% of graduates earning jobs.

Mining certificate classes are currently underway at CNC's Vanderhoof and Quesnel campuses. The programs began in mid-October. CNC's Mackenzie campus is also considering offering the certificate in the future. The certificate will be offered on a rotational basis between the regional campuses. The certificate will help graduates earn entry level mining jobs.

The 16-week program (450+ hours) program includes:

- 12 weeks of classroom training and certification
- 4 weeks job-shadowing/field work
- Mine-focused course content
- Safety certification
- Skill certification
- Simulator experience on excavators
- Applied human relations training
- Students are eligible for student loans
- Some courses provide credits towards Adult Dogwood diploma

Classes include:

- MINE 110 Introduction to the Minerals Industry
- MINE 120 Exploring Mining Opportunities
- MINE 130 Mining Industry Safe Work Practices
- MINE 140 Mining Industry Skill Certification
- MINE 150 Job Entry Operations
- MGT 154 Applied Human Relations