

Supporting Tomorrow's Forests Through Today's Students

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FORESTRUST IS THE ABCFP'S REGISTERED CHARITY. THROUGH IT, we work to create endowments at post-secondary institutions across British Columbia. Income earned on these endowments is used to grant scholarships and bursaries to forestry students—individuals who are the future of the forestry profession.

As you will read in the following stories, forestry students today are bright and diverse. Two of our scholarship winners—Chelsea and Acacia—moved to BC to study forestry which shows a real commitment to the profession. Others, such as Mark, bring a new skill set with them. Mark grew up on cattle ranch and is interested in integrating forestry with other industries. Tara has already studied forestry in Finland and next hopes to work in New Zealand. Ian is excited by the radical changes happening in forestry with the advent of GIS technology and climate change. When you support ForesTrust, you're supporting students like them.

ForesTrust needs your help to continue its tradition of helping fund the education of forestry students. There are several ways you can support forestry students in BC.

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The host committee holds a silent auction during the ABCFP forestry conference and annual general meeting. Last year this one event raised more than \$7,000. They have just started seeking donations for next year's auction. If you have an item you'd like to donate, contact Martin Watts, silent auction subcommittee chair, at martin_watts@telus.net.

Bid on Silent Auction Items

Many fantastic items will be available for bid and purchase at the annual forestry conference in Victoria on February 22 to 24, 2012.



Tara Salmon

**University of Northern British Columbia
Association of BC Forest Professionals
Award for Excellence (\$2,000)
Hometown: Golden, BC**

Tara's dream job would be working in an environment that encourages innovative forestry and offers an opportunity for a variety of experiences. "It would also let me escape from the behind the desk and work in the field sometimes," said Tara.

Tara's favourite class at UNBC was forest health and disturbance. "I think current changing environmental conditions and the looming midterm timber supply issue is going to present the forestry sector with more challenges," said Tara.

Tara would also like to get some international experience. She's already completed a university exchange program in Finland. Over the course of a year she gained a more global (and Finnish) understanding of forest management practices and ideologies. What's next? "I intend to practice forestry in New Zealand," said Tara.

Tara's already got quite a bit of experience in forestry. As a summer student in the forestry industry, she's worked a range of jobs including junior layout technician, regeneration surveys, planting quality surveys, brushing and forest fire fighting.

Finally Tara would like to thank the ABCFP for supporting her education. "It all went towards my tuition fees!"

Thompson Rivers University

**ABCFP Award (\$1,000)
Hometown: Savona, BC**

Mark's dream job is to be a range agrologist and manager. He has a keen interest in agriculture and how it can fit with forestry.

"Growing up on a cattle ranch allowed me to gain a respect for land stewardship and an interest in maintaining our natural resources," said Mark. "Forest and range management provides an avenue to pursue my interest in land stewardship."

Mark enjoys discussing multiple-use issues particularly between grazing and forestry or agroforestry. "I bring

an interesting aspect to forestry with my agriculture background. I feel that integration of the industries would be beneficial for both stakeholders."

When he's not at school, Mark continues to help on the family ranch where he still lives.

What would Mark tell someone considering forestry as a career? "I feel that forestry and range management is a field in which people can seek a successful career while enjoying the natural world. It is also a great way to see a lot of country!"

Mark put his award money towards tuition for his natural resource science degree. He'd like to thank the ABCFP for supporting his education.



Mark Haywood-Farmer



Acacia Nethercut-Wells

**University of British Columbia
Association of BC Forest Professionals
Scholarship in Forestry (\$1,000)
Hometown: Santa Rosa, CA, USA**

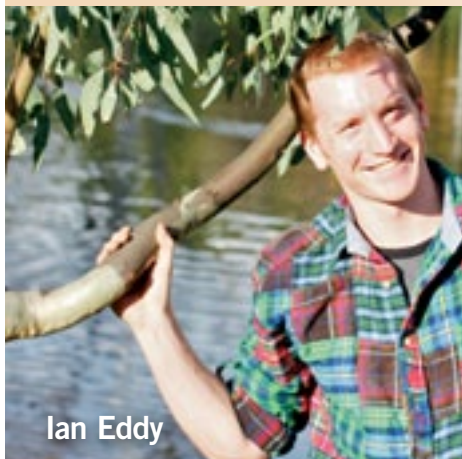
Acacia has no idea what her forestry dream job is. "I'm starting to explore the answer to that question by working as an engineering intern for Washington's Department of Natural Resources this summer," said Acacia.

When she first moved to California from Vermont, Acacia was amazed by the differences between redwood forests and forests of the east—and not just their size. But it wasn't until late in high school that she realized forestry was the right choice. "I couldn't have been more right," said Acacia, "I love what I'm learning."

Acacia enjoyed all of her classes in UBC's faculty of forestry, but tended to like classes that are more math oriented. "I've found the forest operations classes that I've taken to be challenging, but that's what makes them so great!"

What would Acacia tell someone considering forestry as a career? "I would say go for it! I have been interested in everything I learned and can easily see how it can be applied to real situations," said Acacia. "I think these are critical components of a valuable degree."

Finally, Acacia wants to thank ABCFP for the scholarship. "The scholarship I received has made paying for my education much more practicable."



Ian Eddy

University of British Columbia – Okanagan

Association of BC Forest Professionals Award (\$675)

Hometown: Merritt, BC

Ian's already had his dream job. "I was fortunate enough to land an NSERC grant for a research job looking at the role mycorrhizae could play in tree migration," said Ian. "It was a nice blend of greenhouse, lab and field work and I had an amazing time!"

Ian sees forestry as a nice blend of applied science, environmentalism and management. "It's an interesting time to study forestry," said Ian. "Like many environmental

sciences, it is undergoing some radical changes with the advent of GIS technology and climate change."

Ian really enjoyed his GIS class. But his favourite has been forest wildlife management.

What would Ian say to someone considering getting into forestry? "It's obviously a tough time but every industry has its highs and lows," said Ian. "I also feel people often have this one dimensional perception of foresters being lumberjacks when in reality the discipline has evolved far beyond that. There are many different job opportunities available for people that have forestry skills."

Finally, Ian would like to thank the ABCFP for his award. "It went straight into the black hole of tuition payments!"

University of Northern British Columbia

Association of BC Forest Professionals Bursary (\$1000)

Hometown: Medicine Hat, AB

Chelsea's forestry dream job would definitely involve research. "As I learn more about forestry, I hope to contribute in a way that helps move the industry in a direction that is more sustainable and environmentally conscious while remaining economically, socially, and politically acceptable," said Chelsea.

"Right now, I'm mostly involved with silviculture and doing surveys is still really exciting for me," said Chelsea. "Another favorite of mine is the bush work. Being outside all the time affords enjoyment of the job that can't be

obtained behind a desk."

Later on, Chelsea would also like to get involved with the forest industry in poor countries where control of the industry has been difficult and standards of best practice are either not in place or not enforced.

What would Chelsea say to people considering getting into forestry? "I would tell them that it is a very rewarding career opportunity, keep a constant eye on professional development opportunities, and the good days out number to tough ones by far—if you don't forget your bug spray.

Finally Chelsea would like to thank the ABCFP for supporting her education. "I received \$1000 and used it to pay part of my tuition for the 2011 winter semester at UNBC."



Chelsea Barker

OTHER WINNERS

Shane Vandewater
College of New Caledonia
ABCFP Award (\$500)
ABCFP Natural Resources Studies Scholarship (\$1,000)

Mark Balogh
University of Northern British Columbia
Association of BC Forest Professionals Bursaries (\$1,000)

Jordan Bemmels
University of British Columbia
ABCFP Graduating Prize in Forestry (\$300)

Andrew Spence
University of British Columbia
ABCFP Graduating Prize in Forestry (\$200)

British Columbia Institute of Technology, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Selkirk College, had not yet selected their award winners at the time of printing. Vancouver Island University did not award any scholarships or bursaries this year.

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