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YEARS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ALBERTA

30th Anniversary Scholarship Recipients Publication

About the CA Education Foundation of Alberta

The Chartered Accountants Education Foundation of Alberta (CAEF), supports the people who will develop and inspire future Chartered Accountants. Through the contribution of every Alberta CA, and additional generous donations, the Foundation is able to provide support in the form of:

- funding awards to post-secondary institutions;
- PhD support funding to qualified individuals interested in accounting research and pursuing their PhD;
- teaching prizes to exceptional university educators;
- annual scholarships, awards and bursaries to business/accounting students at post-secondary institutions in Alberta and at the University of Saskatchewan, high schools and the CA School of Business; and
- funding for special projects that advance accounting education and raise the profile of the CA profession.

The CAEF, led by a Board of Governors consisting of dedicated Alberta CAs, is highly respected by members, post-secondary institutions and donors for its demonstrable contributions to business and enhancing the CA brand.



30th *Anniversary Scholarships*

As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, and in addition to its traditional support programs, the Foundation offered an additional \$30,000 of financial support to Alberta high school, post-secondary and CA School of Business students in the form of brand new awards in 2013.

30th Anniversary Awards:

Aboriginal Student Business Awards

Academic Excellence Awards

CA School of Business Student Award

Generations of Excellence Awards

Young Emerging Professional Awards

*Meet the recipients in
the pages that follow!*



High School Academic Excellence Award

Value: \$2,250

This award supports high school students who excel in academics.

Zofia Prus-Czarnecka

Old Scona Academic High School
Edmonton, AB

Zofia knows a thing or two about striving for excellence. As a student in the full International Baccalaureate program, her marks are impeccable, despite the rigor of the program.

After high school, Zofia plans to study General Sciences at the University of Alberta, with a goal to pursue a medical career – a field that has interested her for a long time. “I was born in Germany and later moved to the Brookhaven National Laboratory outside of New York,” said Zofia. “When I was a toddler, my dad would take me to science demonstrations. Since then, science has shaped my life.”

A fitting candidate to receive the Foundation’s High School Academic Excellence Award, Zofia remains modest about being named a recipient. “I am honoured to have been chosen from applicants across the province.”

“Thank you for making this funding opportunity available to high school students. Scholarships not only help us pursue post-secondary education, but also motivate us to strive for academic excellence and to pursue careers that we are passionate about.”

Post-Secondary Academic Excellence Award

Value: \$2,250

This award supports post-secondary students who excel in academics.

Alexis Mielke

NAIT
Edmonton, AB

With two degrees (education and music) already under her belt, Alexis has finally found her passion—accounting. Currently pursuing an accounting degree at NAIT, Alexis aims to be articling in two years, obtaining her designation in five years and perhaps even teaching accounting in ten years. Not only is Alexis a role model for her children, by showing them the importance of being brave enough to do what makes you happy, but her exceptional academic standing proves her talents are in the right place.

As a married mother of two young children, it was no small feat for Alexis to completely switch gears and head back to school. Thanks to the funding award received from the CAEF, Alexis can pay off her school debts, and enjoy a little more freedom in her life.



“The recognition and financial support from the CAEF means a great deal to me and my family and has inspired me to persevere through the challenges I have faced. I hope someday my career path will afford me the opportunity and freedom to contribute to the future generation of students.”

Aboriginal Student

Value: \$2,500

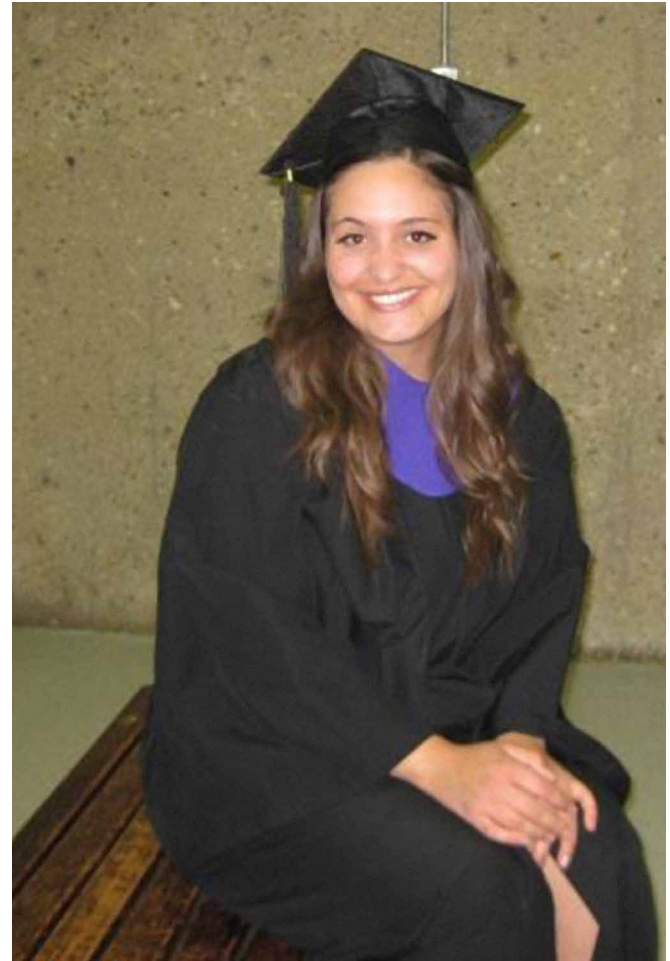
This award supports Aboriginal students in Alberta who want to pursue the Chartered Accountant designation and/or a career in business.

Allie Ferris

NAIT
Edmonton, AB

As a child, Allie already had business on the brain. While other children were off playing cops and robbers or having tea parties, Allie was setting up a pretend office, answering pretend phone calls and growing her pretend business. Luckily, that passion for business carried over into her adult life. Allie is well on her way to completing a Bachelor of Business Administration at NAIT—and a CA designation that's sure to follow.

For a young girl going to school and living alone for the first time, this award couldn't have come at a better time. A deserving recipient, Allie can breathe a little easier knowing she'll be able to put her award money towards next year's tuition and books, relieving some of her financial burden.



“I want to send a huge thank you to the CAEF and its donors. This award was a great surprise, a great help and I will forever be thankful.”

Business Awards

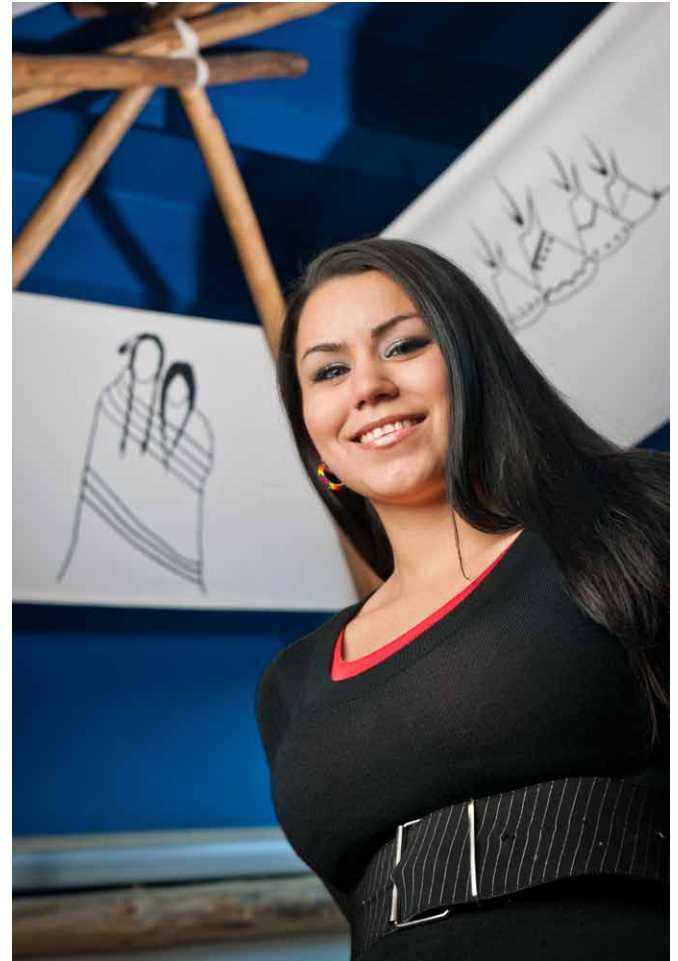
Chennae Lapatak

NAIT
Edmonton, AB

Both a student and a parent, for Chennae Lapatak, the funding she received through the CAEF's 30th anniversary scholarships program could not have come at a better time. "It is always a struggle to make ends meet during the last month of school each year, and I was starting to worry," said Chennae, who is completing her final year in NAIT's Bachelor of Business Administration degree program.

"As a business student, I am glad that there are institutions like the CA Education Foundation of Alberta to support students in their educational endeavors and to help them realize success." Chennae is registered in the CA School of Business and plans to obtain her accounting designation and work her way up the corporate ladder in public practice.

"Hiy-hiy kininaskoptinan (I thank you very much)," beamed Chennae in her native language when asked what she would say to donors who helped to make this support available to her.



"Without this award, it would have been so hard for me to remain focused on finishing my degree. Thank you for believing in me!"

Additional 2012/13 Aboriginal Student Business Award recipients:

Darryl Glen, Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton AB

Generations of Ex

Value: \$2,500

This award supports Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (ICAA) members' family members in pursuing the Chartered Accountant designation by providing funding awards to Alberta post-secondary students who express an interest in pursuing the CA designation and who have at least one family member who is (or was) an ICAA member in good standing.

Katrina Colbert

University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB

As a daughter and a sister to full-fledged Chartered Accountants, Katrina was emotionally connected to the CAEF's Generations of Excellence award. "When I received the call informing me that I was a successful recipient of this award, I was ecstatic - and almost started to cry!" said Katrina.

With plans to attend the University of Economics and Business in Vienna, Austria in 2014, the funding will provide an important boost to Katrina, both mentally and financially. "This funding will definitely relieve some of the financial stress of going on an exchange and encourage me to get even more involved in giving back to my community," said Katrina.

When she isn't busy in the classroom, Katrina can often be found pursuing her other passions - dancing and volunteering. For the past three years, she has been a volunteer athlete on the Edmonton Eskimos Cheerteam, where she is involved in many community events. Katrina also volunteers her time as a mentor with the Boys and Girls Big Brothers Big Sisters organization - an experience she describes as "amazing," and "very rewarding."

"Knowing the CAEF has been supporting accounting education for 30 years gives me great pride in my choice to become a Chartered Accountant. This support provides strength and comfort as I embark on this important journey."



Excellence Awards

Lauren Gallimore

University of Lethbridge
Lethbridge, AB

It comes as no surprise that Lauren has accounting blood flowing through her veins, considering her father is a distinguished Chartered Accountant. “Chartered Accountants are both brilliant problem solvers as well as community leaders,” says Lauren. “The CA designation will allow me to work in an applied field where I can make a difference in the lives of clients.”

With plans to put her scholarship money towards tuition, Lauren will have the flexibility to focus on her studies—a Bachelor of Management degree at the University of Lethbridge. Already carrying on in true CA fashion, Lauren is an active volunteer in her community. Lauren volunteers as a coach for the Lethbridge Junior Badminton Club, and has previously volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and both the Alberta Summer and Winter Games.

“Working towards a designation which provides such strong support to future members only reinforces that I have made the right decision for my future,” says Lauren.

“The investment the CAEF is making in our future is remarkable, and I am sincerely grateful for their support.”



CA School of Business Student Award

Value: \$2,500

This award is designed to support Alberta students who are enrolled in the CA School of Business (CASB) and working towards the Chartered Accountant designation.

2012/13 CA School of Business Student Award recipient:

Amber Campbell, Edmonton AB

High School Young Emerging Professionals Awards



Value: \$1,500

This award was created to support to the next generation of aspiring young business leaders in Alberta.

Lillian Liu

Sir Winston Churchill High School
Calgary, AB

Lillian Liu is a perfect example of what it means to be a young emerging professional. Wise beyond her years, Lillian knows where she wants her career to take her. "In two years, I see myself pursuing an accounting major at the University of Calgary. In five years, I look forward to furthering my studies to pursue a career in accounting, business or law. In 10 years," said Lillian, "I see myself happy and enjoying what I do!"

Lillian excels both inside and outside of the classroom. She has a plethora of volunteer activities under her belt, including a role as member of the steering committee for the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC), a student-led organization that presents volunteer opportunities to more than 200 students at her high school. She also assists fellow peers in improving their English speaking skills through the Calgary Public Library's ESL Teen Talk Program. When Lillian is not studying or volunteering in the community, she makes time for her personal interests - violin, volleyball and volunteering.

"I want to express my sincerest thanks to the donors of the CAEF for their incredible contributions to students. I hope to follow in the footsteps of the Foundation's donors as exemplary business leaders who assist aspiring students as they become young emerging professionals."

Additional 2012/13 High School Young Emerging Professionals Award:

Sarah Penney, St. Joseph Catholic High School, Grande Prairie

Post-Secondary Young Emme

Value: \$5,000

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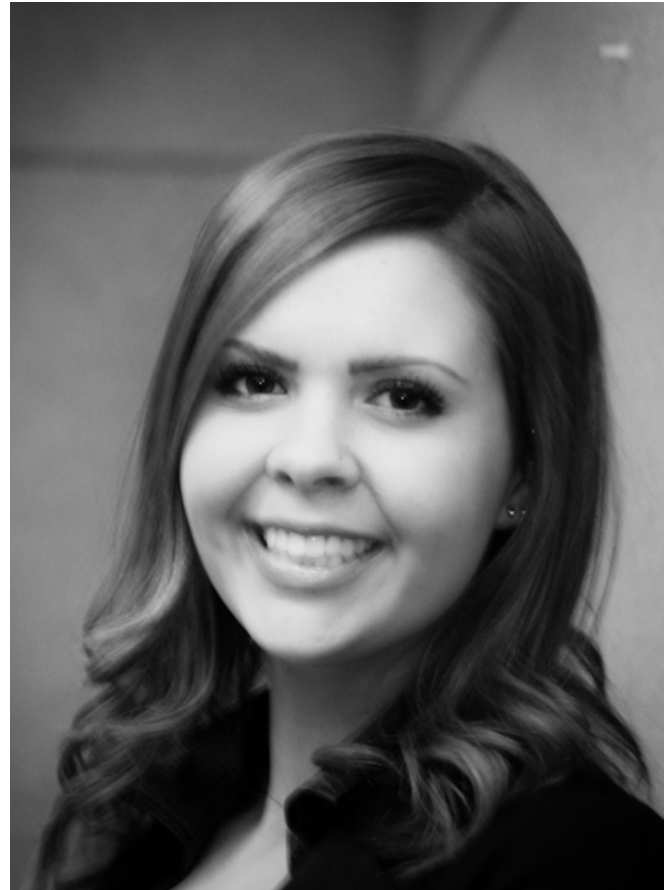
Melissa Yurdiga

NAIT
Edmonton, AB

On the verge of graduation and eager to start CASB, Melissa was overjoyed to learn she was selected to receive funding support from the CAEF. “This acknowledgement from the Foundation means a lot to me. It has given me encouragement to work even harder,” said Melissa.

Accounting has always been Melissa’s passion and she is excited to realize her dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant. “I chose this career path because I found it challenging and interesting—it’s more than just a job, it’s a career that I know I’m going to enjoy.”

With an articling position secured, Melissa plans to use her award money to help pay down the debt she accumulated as a post-secondary student over the past four years. “Thanks to receiving this funding from the CAEF, I can worry less about finances this summer and focus more on being successful in CASB.”



“Thank you for this generous award that you have made available to students. It is an honor to receive recognition from the designated professionals, in which I aspire to be.”

Emerging Professionals Awards



Elzbieta Tymon

University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB

Like many successful leaders, Elzbieta knows what she wants—a CA designation—and she knows how to get there. “I was drawn to the fact that accounting penetrated every aspect of business, and that I could work for multinational clients anywhere in the world,” says Elzbieta. Having just completed a Bachelor of Commerce Honors degree with a major in accounting, Elzbieta has her sights set on the CA designation, working in public practice and eventually pursuing graduate studies.

With a keen interest for politics, economics and a long-term goal of a career in foreign policy and international trade, Elzbieta not only embodies the qualities of a young emerging professional, but has all the makings of a future leader. Already leading by example, Elzbieta volunteers for the High School Model United Nations Conferences, which she was once a part of herself, and takes pride in providing youth with innovative educational opportunities.

“High quality education is crucial for the CA profession, and the CAEF has a significant impact on improving the quality of our education. Receiving the award itself felt like a vote of confidence from the CA community.”

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