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BC's Newest Forest Professionals Welcomed

(Vancouver, BC) The Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFFP) welcomed 101 new members into the association during a special recognition ceremony today at its conference and AGM. Among the new inductees, three individuals were recognized for having scored at the top of their classes in the required registration exam.

Austin Tate Teti, Registered Professional Forester (RPF), of Williams Lake, scored the highest mark for the Registered Professional Forester exam.

Austin Tate Teti was born at Vancouver General Hospital and raised in White Rock. In 1994 he decided that high school was not his shtick and dropped out with a grade 11 education. Working and living independently was difficult at times but the freedom made it worthwhile. From 1999 to 2003 he travelled all over the world experiencing new cultures, cuisines, languages and extraordinary landscapes.

Twenty-five jobs later he decided to finish off his high school diploma and enroll in his first forestry program (Nova Scotia). Because of his past educational decisions, he had to obtain a Forest Resource Certificate and Forest Technology Diploma before being able to receive a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Alberta. Currently, he works as a Lands and Engineering Officer for the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Fort Nelson).

Sarah Quickfall, Registered Forest Technologist (RFT), of Fort St. James, tied for the highest mark for the Registered Forest Technologist exam.

While attending her third-year physical geography classes, Sarah realized that she probably wouldn't have a job after graduation. She was working for a provincial park in Nova Scotia at the time, so she asked her supervisor how to turn her part-time job into a full-time one. She was advised to get a forestry diploma. After graduating from the Maritime College of Forest Technology, she landed a forestry job in BC.

She loves the peace and tranquility of working alone in the forest and will take a day of bears and bad weather over almost any other type of indoor job. She works in operations for BC Timber Sales and loves the work because she feels that she is making a positive impact on BC's forests.

Craig Campbell, Registered Forest Technologist (RFT), of Chilliwack, tied for the highest mark for the Registered Forest Technologist exam.

Craig chose a career in forestry because he was constantly exposed to it growing up. His mother and family friends worked for the forest ministry and his dad did some forest fire fighting. He loves the outdoors and could never picture himself in an office from 9-5 each day so when he and a friend discovered BCIT's two-year diploma program in sustainable resource management, they signed up.

Today, Craig works for Chartwell Consultants in their Chilliwack office where he primarily does forestry engineering. However, one of the aspects he loves about his job is the fact that he gets to work on a variety of other interesting projects such as reviewing small scale salvage permits, waste and residue surveying, Hydro right-of-way design and auditing and much more. He plans to keep expanding his skill set and enjoying the adventure of a career in forestry.

The ABCFP forestry conference and AGM is held in different locations around BC each year. Attending are Registered Professional Foresters and Registered Forest Technologists who come to learn from the best, share ideas and best practices, and network with colleagues.

The Association of BC Forest Professionals is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's professional foresters and forest technologists. Today, it is the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include forest technologists. Here in BC, the practice of professional forestry has been regulated since 1947 when foresters first agreed to help protect the public's interest in the province's forests in return for the exclusive right to practise forestry.

New ABCFP Members

Abbotsford Kevin Vander Boom, TFT	Masset Nicholas Anthony Reynolds, FIT
Alkali Lake Beverly Grace Chelsea Hutchinson, TFT	Nanaimo Adrian Thomas Edward Morse, RFT Christopher Joseph Perry, RFT Jillian Rae Schochter, RFT
Black Creek Michelle Buck, RFT	Nelson Travis Reid Mitchell, RFT Jordan Duncan Carter, RPF
Blind Bay Tyler Matthew Barrett, RFT Katherine Elizabeth Gunion, RPF	Penticton Stefanie Margaret Bulmer, TFT
Brentwood Bay Corey Wayne Mathieson, RPF	Port Alberni Marissa Jeannie Hallaway, RPF
Burns Lake Sean Mark Neufeld, RFT	Port McNeill John Andrew Murray, RPF Nicholas James Seymour, RPF Colin Philip Wenman, RPF
Calgary Prem Chandra Gurung, RPF	Powell River Jocelyn Marie Ciarniello, RPF
Campbell River Taylor Patrick Brown, FIT Russell Dale Boucher, RFT Tyson Kane Berkenstock, RPF Taisa Louise Brown, RPF Cynthia Fane Lu, RPF Daniel Richard Oxland, RPF Heather Irene Soo, RPF	Prince George Andrew Gawen Dickinson, RPF Trevor Ryan Horne, RFT April Mabel Bilawchuk, RPF Cheryl Leigh Johnston-Schuetz, RPF Changru Li, RPF Christopher Michael Reeves, RPF Christopher Samuel Schacke, RPF Trevor Roman Horrock, RFT Christine Dawn Taylor, TFT
Castlegar Thomas Finn Haukaas, RFT	Queen Charlotte City Eliot Michael King, RPF Aline Claire Lachapelle, RPF
Chetwynd Christopher Neville Burke, RPF Sheena Doreen Colton, RPF Christopher William Rosen, RPF	Quesnel Jason Neil Whitehead, RFT Kyle Joseph Anderson, RPF

Chilliwack Rayanne Alm, RFT	Quispamsis, NB Michelle Leah Baker, RPF
Coldstream Daniel Wayne Strobbe, RFT	Revelstoke Brier Adrienne Cadden, RPF
Comox Andrew Rubin Harry Talbot, TFT	Royston Kathlene Jane English, RPF
Coquitlam Michael James Ramsay, RFT John Tyler Rodgers, TFT	Smithers Simon Joseph Christie Fodor, RFT Tara Jocelyn Holmes, RFT Robyn Signy Van Iderstine, RPF Douglas Daniel Wiggill, TFT
Cranbrook Yvan Andreas Kathriner, RPF	Squamish Alexandre Vignola, RFT Andy Kwan, TFT
Dawson Creek Clinton Joseph Gould, RFT	Surrey Gillian Mathieson Harrison, FIT Steven Jeffrey Trommel, RPF
Enderby James Robert Todd, RPF	Telkwa Justin Alexander Lenze, FIT Acacia Rae Nethercut-Wells, RPF
Fort Nelson Lan Mi, TFT	Terrace Eddy Joal Plant, RFT Richard Jose Chavez, RPF Eric Scott Dunnack, RPF Jennifer Lynn Leslie, RPF
Fort St. James Sarah Elizabeth Quickfall, RFT	Vancouver Alan Geraghty, RFT Babita Bains, RPF
Fort St. John Joseph Mark Rushton, RFT Emily Marie Francis, RPF	Vanderhoof Tyrol Craig Forfar, RFT
Fraser Lake Andrew Foster Ambery, RPF	Vernon Kevin Ho King Chau, RFT Matthew Angelo Alves, RPF David Douglas Strahl, RPF
Houston Anicette Lucille Labonté, RFT	Williams Lake Austin Leigh Tate Teti, RPF Devon Danielle Chevigny, TFT
Kamloops Jeffrey Peter Eustache, RFT Shelley Lynn Kupryk, RFT Richard Glenn Swift, RFT Robbie Kenneth Clark, RPF Stephanie Lynne Jeannette Howard, RPF Darcy Ray LeBourdais, RPF Andrew Kelly Low, RPF Tyler Gordon Wood, RPF Nicholas Brian Fast, TFT Michael Robert Matichuk, TFT(on LOA)	
Kelowna Jonathan James Murkin, TFT	
Lee Creek Jayson Laine Warkentin, RPF	

Lone Butte Bryce Mitchell Laven, TFT	
Mackenzie Katelyn Rae McMahon, RFT Luke Martin Oomen, RFT Brandon Anthony Albino, TFT	

*Has work experience remaining to complete his/her articling period

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