Calgary Skule™ Alumni Scholarship Awards $2,500

Deserving Calgary high school students receive special gift

When the Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter was created, the founding members insisted there be a way that alumni in the Calgary area could give back to the institution but still maintain a western flavor. As a group, we benefited tremendously from the solid education we received at Skule™ and felt it was important to share these benefits with others. All students have the academic wherewithal to be at Skule™, but not all have the financial ability to be there. The solution was to launch the Calgary Skule™ Admission Scholarship, with an initial focus to offset the cost of attending U of T Engineering for a deserving Calgary-area high school student. To date, the Chapter awarded four scholarships totaling $2,500 each. Eligible students also have to demonstrate involvement outside of academics through activities such as volunteering, sports, music and the arts (the ability to solve quadratic equations by itself was insufficient).

We encourage you to consider donating to the Calgary Skule™ Admissions Scholarship Fund. Your contribution may help a student launch an engineering career with a Skule™ foundation.

For details, please contact Ross Pitman (GEO 7T4) at 403-261-1371 or ross.pitman@apachecorp.com or email Tom Vosper at tomv@ecf.utoronto.ca

Message from the Chairman

Since the inception of the Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter, I have been fortunate enough to meet many of our alumni in Calgary, and surrounding areas. We are an incredibly diverse group of individuals. Although the majority of us are or have worked as engineers, some have moved onto other fields. Regardless of position, the common denominator is four years, perhaps more, spent at Skule™.

Creating and developing the Calgary Skule™ Chapter has been challenging and fun. We are gaining momentum among a wide range of alumni through event participation and we are fortunate enough to receive high level support from the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering.

In an effort to better communicate with our alumni in the Calgary area, we introduce this inaugural issue of Skule™ @ YYC. I hope you enjoy your read and I welcome your feedback.

I would like to extend a personal invitation on behalf of the Executive and Board of the Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter for you to attend one or more of our events this year. They are open to family, friends and guests. Come out and make new friends and renew your link to Skule™.

Sincerely,

Ross Pitman (GEO 7T4), Chair
Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter

Naming of Inaugural Issue Takes Flight

The Chapter congratulates and thanks Paul Johnston (ChemE 6T6), an active fellow Board member, for naming the Chapter’s inaugural newsletter.

Once laid out, the newsletter needed an appropriate name. The challenge: to find a name that would link Skule™ and Calgary and have an engineering theme. Blaming it on what happens to the “idle retired mind,” Paul immediately responded with variations linking Skule™ to the Calgary airport designation of YYC. The name took off.

The connection and the speed at which Paul arrived at the naming convention begged the question of whether or not he is or was a pilot. The answer is no, but he advises us that he did spend a lot of time flying between Calgary (YYC) and Toronto (YYZ) during his career as a management consultant. Perhaps it was that time in the air that played on his subconscious mind to land on the name.

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Link-in With Your Calgary Social Network

With the world relying more heavily on online communications, the Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter finds it fitting to utilize Facebook and LinkedIn to share information quickly with a broader spectrum of alumni while building and maintaining our community. For example, we were able to attract alumni to the 2010 Calgary Fall Reception (pictured below) easily through Facebook.


Upcoming Events

November 14, 2011
Calgary Skule™ Alumni Chapter Fall Reception

Sponsored by Apache Canada Ltd.

Reconnect with fellow alumni living in the Calgary area. To RSVP, contact Ross Pitman at ross.pitman@apachecorp.com

Photos from the Calgary Skule™ Fall Reception 2010. More than 60 alumni and friends attended to hear Professor Doug Reeve speak, reunite with old friends and share Skule™ memories.

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