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Newsletter of the Department of Earth Sciences, U.W.O.

Friday, May 14th, 2010

Haley Sapers wins Georges Vanier Scholarship

The Georges Vanier Scholarship is Canada's most prestigious postgraduate scholarship. Vanier scholars receive \$50,000 annually for up to three years, and are chosen as a result of their demonstrated leadership skills and high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health research.

The program is administered jointly by Canada's three research granting agencies: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Five Vanier Scholars were selected this year from the University of Western Ontario, and among them was our own **Haley Sapers** for her studies of "Meteorite impact craters as potential habitats for early life on Earth and beyond." Haley was one of only two Western Ph.D. students selected from the NSERC granting agency.

The entire Department of Earth Sciences congratulates Haley on her stellar achievement.

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Congratulations...

to **Duncan Bain**, for his recent successful Ph.D. defense.

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M.Sc. GEOLOGY **PUBLIC LECTURE**

Alaura Singleton

Supervisors: G. Osinski/D. Moser

"The Effects of Hypervelocity Impact on Crystalline Target Rocks from the Houghton Impact structure, Devon Island, Canada"

Wed. June 2, 9:30 AM

Location: B&G Bldg. Room 1084

All Welcome

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Reynold Sukara wins Teaching Assistant Award

The Department of Earth Sciences would like to thank **Reynold Sukara** for the outstanding effort he has put forward this year in his Graduate Teaching Assistant duties. Reynold has been awarded the Faculty of Science's Graduate Teaching Award for our department for 2009-10. Please join us in congratulating Reynold. The award will be presented at an informal gathering in the Grad Club on Thursday May 27th at 3:30. We hope you will join us in recognition.

Signed Gerhard Pratt, Jisuo Jin, Rob Schincariol

Earth Sciences students win CSEG Challenge Bowl

The Earth Sciences Department, represented by **Meriem Grifi** and **Drew Brenders**, won the Canadian Society of Exploration Geologists Challenge Bowl, beating seven other Canadian universities. The Bowl was held at the GeoCanada conference in Calgary. Their winning score was the highest ever established in this competition! Meriem and Drew will now go to Denver in the Fall for the World Championships! Way to Go!

