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Haroon Siddiqui Comments on Canadian Diversity



Toronto Star Editor Emeritus Haroon Siddiqui visited Ashtonbee Campus on Monday, November 22. His one hour talk and question and answer session focused upon the wide range of diversity that represents today's Canada. Citing examples of many immigrant groups, Mr. Siddiqui outlined the struggles and successes that Canadians of all backgrounds have experienced. He congratulated Centennial for having embraced diversity as a strength and encouraged the audience of largely aviation students, to think in terms of global issues. The economies and jobs of tomorrow will lead many of us in many directions all over the globe but particularly in the growing markets of the middle east, India, China and Korea.

Guest Lecturer Delivers Lesson on Tire Safety



The students in the Truck/Coach and Heavy Duty program were treated to a seminar this week by Goodyear's large tire specialist **Bob Birks**. Bob's lecture was centered around the safe practices when dealing with large on and off highway tires. His slide presentation had several slides showing the destruction that can result when tires and wheel have been abused or mishandled. The graphic nature of some of the photos worked well to get our attention as Bob talked about the root causes of the failures. While quite safe when handled properly, large tires are easily the most dangerous component on a piece of heavy equipment to be dealing with if they are not treated with the respect they deserve. Bob's 25 years of experience in the large tire industry was apparent while listening to his recounting of accidents he has seen or investigated. Bob shared a close call that he himself had just to drive the point home that unfortunate events can happen anytime, anywhere.

"Thank you to Bob Birks of Goodyear Canada for the time you spent in front of our students. I'm sure they gained a new respect for tire safety."

And as a reminder to the students that will eventually be dealing with these tires, remember to ALWAYS deflate a tire before removing it from the machine! Your life may depend on it some day.

(Tim Allan)

Centennial's Student Awards Night 2010



School of Transportation students were recognized for their excellence at the awards presentation on Wednesday November 17, 2010. This gala event took place in the evening at the Residence with exceptional food and service provided by the students and staff from Centennial's Hospitality and Tourism program. In the photo above, John Ferguson, a Heavy Equipment Coop graduate, poses with VP Academic, Vicki Bismilla and Jason Savel from Toromont CAT after accepting a Toromont CAT Excellence Award. Below, Gursatwinder Sangha, another Toromont CAT excellence Award winner from the Truck and Coach Coop program, sits with his father and Jason Savel from Toromont CAT. Toromont CAT sponsored eight awards, in total.



School of Transportation Student Awards 2010



In the photo above, Soheap (Ben) Chan, winner of the Larry Simpson Award is congratulated by VPA Vicki Bismilla, Larry Simpson and President Ann Buller. Ben is a graduate of the Volvo/Mack MAP 32 program and is currently employed at a Volvo dealership. Larry Simpson was a long-time administrator in our School of Transportation and he was the founder of our corporate MAP programs.

The full listing of all SoT award winners is below.

- Most Promising Student: Aviation Technician (Aircraft Maintenance) DANIEL RICHARDSON**
- Most Promising Student: Aviation Technician (Avionics maintenance) CLIFF SHIELDS**
- Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council (CAMC) Recognition Plaque RYAN GOMES**
- The Richard Johnson School of Transportation Returning Female Scholarships THANA-FANE ANNIS
STEPHANIE MARKUS**
- Doug Macritchie Memorial Scholarship SANGHEE LEE**
- The Arthur Perry Scholarship RYAN GOMES**
- The Larry Simpson Award SOPHEAP (BEN) CHAN**
- The Toromont CAT Excellence Awards JOHN MILLER, SHIV PERSAUD, DOMINIC CHIAVALON,
GURSATWINDER SANGH, MATTHEW SEBOK, GUANGSHU YU,
JOHN FERGUSON, JAMES HOLT**
- Skills Canada Competition Gold Medal RYAN GOMES**
- 2010 National Webster Memorial Trophy JAMES POUGET**
- Toronto Automobile Dealers' Association Scholarships**
- Automotive Service Technician—Level 1 SCOTT COLLINGS**
- Automotive Service Technician—Level 2 CHRISTOPHER YUNN-KAY LEUNG**
- Automotive Service Technician—Level 3 OWEN PRATT**
- Pre-Apprenticeship Program for Automotive Service Technician YU MIN CAI**
- Pre-Apprenticeship Program for Automotive Service Technician—Women NATALIE THOMAS**
- Automotive Service Technician (Co-op) partnered with Chrysler Canada DEAN HARRISON**
- Automotive Service Technician (Co-op) partnered with T.A.D.A. BERTRAND LEUNG**