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For the second year in a row Enterprise Energy Services Inc. presented a \$500 award to a Northern Lakes College welding student. This year's recipient was Eugene deGroot. Doug Watt, General Manager from Enterprise Energy Services Inc., presented the \$500 award to Eugene while Chris Montgomery, last year's recipient offered her congratulations. deGroot received the award for having the highest theory and lab marks out of all students in the Welding Program that ran throughout the year.

"Enterprise Energy Services Inc. supports Northern Lakes College's welding apprenticeship program because we know that it's a quality program producing quality students. The instructors are very experienced and understand the need for hands-on training," said Watt. "We hired last year's winner of this award, Chris Montgomery. She is doing very well and is pursuing ongoing training, such as TIG."

"I really enjoyed my training at Northern Lakes College. The instructors were excellent and the class sizes were small. They were able to provide individual care and attention. It really felt like a family, they wanted everyone to do well and succeed," said deGroot. "I finished my 2nd and 3rd period apprenticeship welding back-to-back with Northern Lakes College. It was challenging but very rewarding. I am very excited to be this year's recipient of Enterprise Energy Services bursary."

"Being last year's recipient opened doors for new career opportunities," said Chris Montgomery. "I just completed my 3rd period with Northern Lakes College and now have my Journeyman certificate. I would definitely recommend Northern Lakes College- the facility and instructors were great. It's wonderful that Enterprise Energy Services is able to do this for local students."

The welding lab, built last summer, can accommodate 16 students at a time; it replaced portable welding booths with permanent ones, freeing the portable booths for use in smaller communities if the demand is warranted. Alberta Job Corps partnership has demonstrated huge support with major renovations to the facilities including a complete welding gas manifold system and newly installed ventilation system.

More information on the industry training programs at Northern Lakes College is easily accessible on the college website – northernlakescollege.ca. Click on 'Programs and Courses' and then 'Browse by Program' to learn about Welding and other Apprenticeship Trades.

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