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Million Dollar Ideas Win Big at 2015 Capstone Awards

October 22, 2015 - Northern Lakes College Maintenance Management Professional (MMP) students James Gunn and Darren Mangin were recently recognized by hundreds of peers at the 2015 Capstone Awards Ceremony at the MainTrain Conference in Vancouver, BC.

James Gunn was the 2015 Winner of the Capstone Award for Excellence in Business Process Focused Capstone Project. Mr. Gunn's project will allow his employer to save millions of dollars. "By following the principles established through the MMP program, and the successful implementation of the Capstone project, Lake Utopia Paper has the opportunity to move from a state of reactive maintenance to one that is truly proactive. Lake Utopia Paper has the opportunity to increase production uptime through improved failure detection, generating in excess of \$2.5M over five years," said Gunn.

Northern Lakes College student Darren Mangin was also recognized as the 2015 Winner of the Capstone Award for Excellence in Technical Focused Capstone Project for Hiram Walker & Sons Limited. "The capstone project really brought the Maintenance Team together by keeping the focus centered around reducing downtime for the most critical process in our plant. Aside from the improved KPI's (key performance indicators), the best result measured was the strong relationship and trust that developed between Maintenance and Operations during the completion of this project" says Mangin.

This magnitude of real cost savings was made possible by applying the knowledge and strategies built throughout the eight module program. "We are pleased to see Maintenance Management Professional students bringing real life solutions to real life business challenges. Such application of learning is a true reflection of the purpose of continuing and professional studies", said Rachel Ouellette, Chair of Continuing Education and Corporate Training. The MMP certificate requires 225 hours of LIVE Online class time and culminates in the applied Capstone Project. Northern Lakes College is Canada's only LIVE Online English language provider of the Maintenance Management Professional Certification Program.

The courses in the Maintenance Management Professional Certificate Program are approved for the Achievement in Business Competencies (Blue Seal) Program through the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Department and for "CEUs" for Alberta Water/Waste Water Operators. Certified MMPs are qualified to provide cost effective management of a business's physical assets.

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