

# AREVA n̄h ghalaná honie

Winter 2015 - Our connection with the Athabasca Basin

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## AREVA in Your Community: Connected North Program

Supporting innovative educational programs is truly one of AREVA's key areas of community investment. Recently, AREVA provided funding to support Connected North, a new virtual educational and healthcare program. This innovating platform uses Cisco TelePresence technology to connect northern Saskatchewan students to other students around the country, allowing them to share cultural experiences, as well as offering students the chance to have experts visit their classrooms virtually to discuss interesting topics.

Connected North started in Nunavut a couple of years ago, when schools in Iqaluit became connected to schools in Ontario. The response by students was excellent – teachers noticed kids were attending classes more often, and were excited and engaged while at school. As a result of the success of the initial program in Nunavut, a national expansion is now underway and Father Porte Memorial School in Black Lake is the first school in Saskatchewan to participate in this program. When Cisco approached AREVA to consider partnering with them and others in the region, like Cameco Corporation, Athabasca Basin Development, West Wind Aviation and SaskTel, AREVA immediately decided this was an initiative we wanted to support. “We believe strongly in programs that encourage an interest in education and help students expand their knowledge” stated Glenn Lafleur, AREVA's Manager, Northern Affairs who recently attended one of the Connected North sessions in Black Lake. “This technology helps do just that.”

We look forward to hearing about the different experiences the students at Father Porte Memorial School will be able to have in the coming school year thanks to Connected North, such as interacting with students in southern Saskatchewan to showcase traditional Dene cultural practices, or perhaps go on a virtual field trip to world-class museums in Canada and in the United States!

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*At AREVA, our employees are family.*

*At our McClean Lake site we work hard and also find time to have fun with each other. We don't just produce uranium, we help bring electricity to communities around the world, contributing to making the holidays brighter for many.*

*Happy holidays from our family to yours!*



Steve Thatcher, Principal at Father Porte Memorial School in Black Lake and on screen Allison Dunlap, Cisco representative in Toronto, ON.

Young Black Lake school students participating in “Dot Day” via Connected North.



## » CVMP: Wellness Study

AREVA helps fund the Community Vitality Monitoring Partnership (CVMP), which aims to collaboratively research areas of interest related to community-wide changes from the presence of the uranium mining industry in northern Saskatchewan. Over the years, a number of important studies have been conducted such as Healthy Foods Costs, The Impact on Families of Work Rotations and Challenges of Post-Secondary Education in the Athabasca Basin. The most recent study conducted by CVMP is called Study of the Effects of The Uranium Industry Health and Wellness Programs. This study looked at the effects of the health and wellness programs offered by the uranium mines on their northern Saskatchewan workers. "The study showed the importance of health and wellness programs for northern employees and their reliance on them", said Thomas Sierzycki, Community Vitality Coordinator. The study offered the following key findings:

» The health facilities at AREVA's McClean Lake site are very important to northern workers, and in particular they appreciate the services of the on-site nurses, who offer health care in comfort and without long waiting periods.

» The recreation and fitness options available at McClean Lake, as well as the nutritional food choices and safety training are important to the majority of northern workers. AREVA's northern employees have indicated that they perceive positive effects on their health and wellness from the health and wellness programs and facilities at McClean Lake. For example, they mentioned that they share with their families and other community members a lot of the information they receive on site, particularly in the area of safety.

*For more information on the CVMP and the results of past studies, visit [www.cvmpsk.ca](http://www.cvmpsk.ca).*



*To stay healthy, Reid Finley, Power Engineer, works out at the McClean Lake recreation facilities after his shift.*

## » AREVA Celebrates Athabasca Students Awards



AREVA's Northern Affairs Advisor, Connie Mercredi was pleased to tour the Athabasca Basin in October to help celebrate the 2014-2015 Athabasca Students Awards in the northern schools. This year there were 86 award recipients from grade 7 to 12, including 13 from Stony Rapids School, 24 from Father Porte Memorial School in Black Lake, 24 from Father Megret High School in Wollaston Lake, 2 from Ben McIntyre School in Uranium City, and 23 from Father Gamache Memorial School in Fond du Lac.



The awards were presented in 4 categories to acknowledge excellence, hard work and perseverance in math and sciences, practical and applied arts, overall academic results and the special Athabasca Student Award for northern and community spirit.

All 86 deserving award recipients received a monetary gift commensurate with their year of study and a NeechieGear hooded sweater to wear proudly.



AREVA congratulates all the Athabasca Students Awards recipients and commends all these students for their dedication to learning and being role models in school. We look forward to awarding the 2015-2016 Athabasca Students Awards in the fall of 2016.

# » 2015-2016 AREVA Northern Scholarships

For the 36th year, AREVA awarded its annual Northern Scholarships to residents of Saskatchewan's North. Since 1979 AREVA has awarded 471 scholarships to 305 northern students accounting for the fact that some students received scholarships for multiple years. In total to date, AREVA has invested over \$1,645,500 in scholarships for northern students. Athabasca students have received nearly 20% (58 students) of the scholarships. Over the years, many of the scholarship recipients have also been summer students at our mine sites and some have also found fulltime employment with AREVA, like Ms. Tiffany Churchward originally from Camsel Portage who is currently a Senior Administrative Assistant at our McClean Lake Operation.

For its 2015-2016 Northern Scholarships, AREVA disbursed a total of \$100,000 amongst 31 recipients, including over 25% (8 students) from the Athabasca Basin. The list of this year's recipients is available in the announcement below, which was recently featured in the PAGC Tribune and the Northern Pride newspapers, as well as the latest issue of the Opportunity North magazine.

The next opportunity to apply for a northern scholarship will be in the spring of 2016, so keep an eye out for our request for applications.

**Education University**

**Trades School**

**Nicole Carlson**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Tianna Haugen**  
Bachelor of Arts & Science

**Kristal Kawa**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Ann Robertson**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Sylvia Besskkaystare**  
Social Work Degree

**Chantelle Stenne**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Marie Sanderson**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Katherine Buettner**  
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology

**Christina Sanderson**  
Mine Engineering Technology

**Chelsa Aistine**  
Bachelor of Education

**April Robillard**  
Business Administration Diploma

**Joshua Mercredi**  
Bachelor of Arts & Science

**Giselle Mercredi**  
Bachelor of Education in Elementary

**Jacinta Classen**  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

**Jamie Harbicht**  
Instrumentation Engineering Technology

**Marie Denechezhe**  
Mine Engineering Technology

**Shannon Burnouf**  
Licensed Practical Nurse

**Lindsey Chow**  
Bachelor of Education in Science & Math

**Mathew Towill**  
Bachelor of Commerce

**Darrel Greve**  
Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering

**Jacinta Classen**  
Speech Pathology Degree

**Thomas Linklater**  
Electrician Apprenticeship

**Brittany Holland**  
Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

**Dru Aaron Vancoughnett**  
Integrated Resource Management

**Sabrina Power**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Tina Shaw**  
Instrumentation Engineering Technology

**Evan Corrigan**  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

**Toshio Green**  
Radiologic Environmental Monitoring Technology

**Lorna Mercredi**  
Mine Engineering Technology

**Sheila Cook**  
Mine Engineering Technology

**Mehgan Bourgeois**  
Water Resources Engineering Technology

**Sara Anderson**  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**The North has a lot to offer!**

Every year AREVA awards over \$100,000 in scholarships to students through the **AREVA Northern Scholarship Program**. This year AREVA is pleased to award 31 recipients from the communities of La Ronge, Air Ronge, Wollaston Lake, Creighton, Fond du Lac, Ile a la Crosse, Uranium City, Denare Beach, Southend, Hatchet Lake, Beauval, and Black Lake. We wish this year's recipients continued success in their studies. Their hard work has paid off, and congratulations are in order! For application instructions or scholarship information, contact our La Ronge office at (306) 425-6880.

**Congratulations!**

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Kimamicihinan!

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## » 2015-2016 AREVA Athabasca Scholarships Recipients:

- Chelsa Aistine
- Sylvia Besskkaystare
- Jacinta Classen
- Marie Denechezhe
- Giselle Mercredi
- Lorna Mercredi
- April Robillard
- Chantelle Stenne

## » AREVA Northern Scholarships by the Numbers 1979 to 2015:

### Northern Saskatchewan Recipients

Athabasca Basin:	58
Central:	121
Eastside:	40
Westside:	96

### Athabasca Recipients

Black Lake:	7
Camsel Portage:	1
Fond du Lac:	23
Stony Rapids:	3
Uranium City:	14
Wollaston Lake:	10

## » McClean Lake Mill Operator Training Program



Gabrielle (photo above) started as a trainee in 2013, she has been at McClean Lake ever since.

For more information please call our La Ronge office at (306) 425-6880.

AREVA first offered the Mill Operator Training Program at the McClean Lake site at the beginning of 2012. Since then, there have been five more intakes of trainees. To date, AREVA has trained 67 residents of northern Saskatchewan and hired 56 of the trainees. "We have had really good trainees. It's not an easy program, it requires commitment to learn new things and the ability to adapt to working a week in and a week out rotation for six complete turnarounds," said Ian Pollock, Senior Training Advisor. The trainees have the opportunity to learn how a uranium mill works and get familiar with the operation of interesting areas such as the water treatment plant, the ore slurry receiving circuit or the calcining and packaging areas. They also learn about confined space entry, lock-out/tag-out, fall protection, the transport of dangerous goods and complete the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS) certification and learn to operate powered mobile equipment such as forklifts and skidsteers. "This is knowledge they can apply anywhere," added Ian.

AREVA is accepting applications until December 11 to recruit its next group of eight trainees. The program runs from January 29 to April 15, 2016.

## McClearn Lake Mill Reaches Production Milestone One Year after Restart

October 2015 marked one year since the official restart of the McClean Lake mill, which was previously shutdown between 2010 and 2014. This fall, for the first time in the mill's history, it produced over 1.5 million pounds of uranium concentrate in one month! If production continues at the current rates, McClean Lake could produce more than 10 million pounds of uranium by the end of the year.

The mill upgrade and expansion project is also progressing well - with the final construction work, scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2016.

This level of production and the upgrade construction progress so far could not have been achieved without all our employees' attention to safety. A huge thank you to all our employees for your hard and safe work in 2015!

## » AREVA Connects With You

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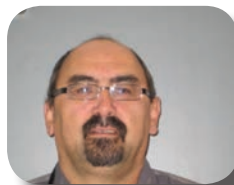


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