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CONGRATULATIONS ROB RENDA SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENT OF THE MICHAEL J. BLADON SCHOLARSHIP

Successful recipient of the Michael J. Bladon Scholarship will:

- *Stipulate that the scholarship be used to attend an education event in Canada and be someone without access to funding to normally attend such an event.*
- *Apply by providing a one-page letter summarizing why they are a deserving candidate*
- *Supply a letter of support from their direct supervisor confirming the location of their employ*

- *Be actively employed in an environment where managing sport related turfgrass is part of their department's work scope*
- *Be a Canadian resident*

Rob is an aspiring Turfgrass professional, currently employed at The Thornhill Club in Thornhill, Ontario. The club offers high-quality golf, curling, tennis, and athletics at the facility. After his second season working he became an Assistant in Training in the Turf department. He is currently enrolled at Humber College in the final semesters of the PGM (Professional Golf Management) Program. His career goal is to become a high-class Superintendent which was inspired after being surrounded by all the great work and the team at the Thornhill Club.

Testimonial:

"Rob is one of our key staff members. He works extremely well with others, is punctual and interacts with our membership in a positive way". ~G. McFarlane

CONGRATULATIONS FEDJA MUZUR SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENT OF THE ROBERT SHEARD SCHOLARSHIP

Successful recipient of Robert Sheard Scholarship:

- *Are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant*
- *Are currently enrolled in and have completed two semesters of education in a postsecondary program in turf management at a recognized college or university in Canada; or, have completed the University of Guelph's Turf Managers' Short Course, or equivalent, in the current year.*
- *Have a desire to pursue a career in the sports turf industry*

Fedja has been in the industry for 8 years now. He completed his business management diploma from BCIT when he got his first job in the parks/turf industry working for the District of West Vancouver. Then he got a job at the district of North Vancouver and a part time job at Seymour Golf and Country Club during the summers. This is where he found his real passion and found what he wanted to do for the rest of his life.

"I reached out and got information on the Turf Management Program at Kwantlen. I figured out a schedule where I would work 3 days a week part time for the district and take a full load of courses. My reason for attending turf school was to get a job at Northlands as I always called it my happy place as it's my home

course and escape from my busy schedule. Less than a month into my first semester a level 3 full time maintenance position came up. I went through the interview process and got the job based mostly on how passionate I was about working there. The first few months at Northlands have been like a dream, every morning I get up while the rest of the world is sleeping with a huge smile on my face. This Fall I will be taking a full load (4 courses) and travelling from North Vancouver to Langley 4 days a week, working 5 days a week, coaching 3 days (4 times a week). I hope to one day be able to give back to future turf management students." ~ Fedja Muzur

Testimonials:

"Fedja offered to take charge of any volunteer roles offered. Works well with a team and not shy on making decisions on guidance." ~ *S. Kazymierchuk*

"Fedja strives to learn as much as he can and has a strong passion for our industry." ~ *S. Haggard*