

Adey endowment fund surpasses \$30,000 mark



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The union that oversees CN Rail's conductors, engineers, yardmen, trainmen and transportation workers has contributed to an endowment fund at CNC, pushing it over the \$30,000 mark.

Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Div. 843 donated \$2,500 to the Dillon Adey Endowment Fund Monday, Jan. 18.

"The family is grateful the Teamsters are honouring Dillon in this way," said Perry Adey, Dillon's father. "This is a good jumpstart from them and this money will go into the endowment fund with a certain amount handed out every year."

The Teamsters addition to the endowment fund puts it around \$30,500. A bursary fund has also been established in the Adey name and will be handed out annually to a student enrolled in health sciences. Dillon Wade Frederick Adey, 21, died June 1, 2009 when his 2006 Suzuki 750 motorcycle ran into the back of an SUV on Tabor Boulevard, approaching Otway Road in Prince George.

Since then, the community has rallied around the family, holding several fundraisers with all proceeds

going towards the endowment bursary at the college. Perry Adey said his son, who worked for CN Rail, was a young man with an old soul, who liked learning and improving his own life. He had his first job when he was 14 and hoped to open his own business. He was an avid snowboarder and golfer, who liked to ride ATVs and work out with his friends at the gym.

"These funds came out of union dues collected over the years," said Neil MacDonald of the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Div. 843. "It was a very worthy cause."

Perry Adey said he also plans to lobby the provincial government to form the Dillon Adey law, requiring more mandatory training before people are allowed to get a licence to operate a motorcycle.

CNC's 10th CTC class set to graduate

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CNC's Career Technical Centre program will celebrate its 10th graduation ceremony Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Vanier Hall.

The class is comprised of 69 Grade 12 students from School

Districts 57 and School District 91, who have completed their first year of trades technical training in six different programs. They will earn their high school diplomas in June.

"The greatest reward for me is to see the change in the students," said Tim Power, CTC co-ordinator. "They start off thinking, 'how does the world fit me' and end up realizing 'how do I fit in the world.'"

When they walk across the stage at Prince George Secondary School, they'll have completed their first year of trades training in either carpentry, electrical/electronics, heavy duty/commercial transport mechanical repair, automotive service and collision repair, or industrial mechanic (millwright)/machinist and welding.

Around 430 people are expected to attend the ceremony, where awards for achievement, excellence, leadership and most improved student will be handed out in each program. Welding students are eligible for Wolftek Industries academic and practical excellence awards. Those in the automotive program are eligible to receive the Democratic Union Award. Wendy Thiel, president of the Canadian Federation of University Women will also announce the female winner of the Carole Caldwell Bursary Memorial Trades bursary.

Canfor Pulp Ltd. Partnership will also award the second half of their work experience bursary to two carpentry students, five electrical students, four heavy duty students and five welding students.

Graduates will receive greetings from John Bowman, CNC president and Lois Boone, vice-chair for the board of education for School District 57.

CTC has been in place for more than 10 years and has given many students the unique opportunity to gain employment in the trade directly out of high school.

More information is available at www.cnc.bc.ca/ctc.