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PCU-WHS Hires First Summer Student

Recently the Canadian Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, together with the Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce and Labour, announced that 77,000 jobs have been approved for funding under the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program this year.

PCU-WHS is most fortunate in that one of those jobs has been approved for the University and we are very pleased to introduce our summer student, Sarah, with this short release:

The ideal summer job is something every university student searches for but is often very hard to find. Most university students need to find a summer job to help with the costs of going to school every year. We are all out there looking for a temporary summer position that sounds interesting and rewarding and that hopefully has something to do with our interests or future career goals. This is the story of how I gained the opportunity to work at a summer job that was ideal for me.

My name is Sarah, and I am from the small town of Port Alberni, BC. I will be entering my second year of university in September 2016. Inspired by the exceptional teachers who had a profound impact on my grade school experience, and by my love of children and learning, I have chosen to pursue a Bachelor of Education degree. My career goals include being an elementary school teacher, and possibly down the road becoming the principal of an elementary school. I hope through this work I can make a positive difference in the lives of the many children who will be my students. I also love to read and have been writing stories ever since I can remember. Before I knew how to write I would get my parents and grandparents to write down my stories for me, and even as a small child people began to notice my way with words and colorful imagination. Through this talent I also hope to become a successful novelist.

When I began my search to find a summer job this spring, I knew I wanted to find a job that would be relevant to my studies and future career. I also wanted my summer job to allow me to utilize my talents, as well as all the new skills I learned in my first year of university. I went searching through a local job board and came across a summer job opportunity specifically for a university student such as myself. Pacific Coast University for Workplace and Health Sciences was looking for a student to work as an office assistant over the summer months. The job description matched my talents, interests, and abilities perfectly and so I applied for the position and fortunately was offered the job.

I have been working here at PCU-WHS for a couple of weeks now and am enjoying my time here. I work most closely with the Instructional Designer & Curriculum Coordinator here at the university, and so far have been helping him with compiling survey data, improving student resources, and curriculum mapping. I find the work to be engaging and a great learning experience. Having the opportunity to take on tasks such as curriculum mapping, which will be helpful to me in my future career in education, is very rewarding. These are not skills or experiences that I could get from your average summer job, and so I am very happy to have been given this opportunity.

I am very thankful to both the staff at PCU-WHS and the Canadian government for giving me the opportunity to work at such a great summer job. PCU-WHS was able to hire me due to a government program that grants institutions with the money to be able to hire students for summer positions. I look forward to the rest of my summer working here. Having been able to gain new knowledge and skills in such a great environment will always be something I am grateful for.