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Introducing PCU-WHS's Summer Student

PCU-WHS was fortunate to have been approved for the University to hire a summer student for 2017 under the Federal Government's Canada Summer Jobs Program. We are most pleased to introduce Hilary in this short release:

My name is Hilary, and I am pleased to announce that I will be part of the PCU-WHS team for the summer. The summer position that the University is offering to students is an excellent opportunity to gain work experience that is relevant to our future careers, especially as it is growing more difficult for students to find employment after graduation without the necessary work experience. As students, it is difficult for us to find experience that is desirable to our future employers because we are in school for most of the work day, and many employers are unwilling to hire us for the summer knowing that we will be returning to school full time in the fall. I am very thankful to have found a summer position that will give me some experience that will aid my future career while also allowing me to return to school full-time in September.

I was born and raised here in beautiful Port Alberni, BC, and I can truly say that I love where I live. I was lucky enough to grow up on Sproat Lake, which is where I still spend the majority of my free time during the summers. Spending time on the lake with my family is one of my favorite pastimes, not only because I love to swim but because my family is very important to me. We are extremely close-knit, and they have supported me through every step of my education.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree at Vancouver Island University, and I will be returning full-time in September to complete my post-degree diploma in business studies with a concentration in finance. Both my mother and grandmother have had long careers in finance, and I always said that I wouldn't follow in their footsteps. Yet here I am, not only pursuing a career in finance, but the first woman in my family to study it in university. I had originally planned on going into teaching, but after doing some research and discovering the many different career opportunities in relation to finance I decided to reevaluate my career path. I am very excited to begin this new chapter in my life.

My true passion lies in literature, which is what inspired me to major in English and minor in French literature. I am fascinated by stories of all kinds and I have recently started writing my own. I had a lot of fun while earning my English major, and many of my assignments involved doing in-depth research on a vast range of different topics. I learned that I thoroughly enjoyed doing the research and discovering different resources; however I never imagined that I would be able to do it as a job. I am very excited to have found a position that utilizes the research skills that I have developed throughout my university career.

Since starting at the University I have been working with Instructional Designer & Curriculum Coordinator Aaron Panych, who I have been helping with survey data collection. One of my new projects is to do research and find resources for an information literacy course that will be offered by the University in the future, and I will soon begin to do some course mapping and work on a grant writing project. I deeply appreciate the opportunity that I have been given by PCU-WHS, and look forward to spending my summer as a member of their team. I have enjoyed the time that I've spent here so far, and my work continues to grow more satisfying as I am being introduced to the new and exciting projects that the University has in store for the near future.