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### **PORT AUTHORITY AWARDS GILLIAN TRUMPER MEMORIAL BURSARY TO RORY PLUYM**

The Port Alberni Port Authority is proud to announce that Rory Pluym is this year's recipient of the Port Alberni Port Authority's Gillian Trumper Memorial Staff Bursary to pursue his educational goals.

Rory is currently enrolled in his fourth year of the Tourism Management degree program at Vancouver Island University following the completion of a Recreation and Sports Management Diploma. Upon completion of his degree Rory's goal is to work with BC Parks or Parks Canada. The time he spent working at the Port's marina facilities and China Creek Campground provided him great experience towards achieving his career goals. Rory took full advantage of the opportunity to improve his communication and interpersonal skills, while learning from those around him; all in fast-paced, challenging settings within Port Alberni's beautiful natural environment. Rory's professional and personal growth was certainly noticed and applauded by his supervisors, co-workers and guests of the Port's facilities.

The Port Alberni Port Authority has historically supported local youth to achieve meaningful work experience through seasonal employment. President and CEO, Zoran Knezevic explains that: "most of these youth seek employment with us for the primary purpose of earning income to pay for post-secondary education. The bursary, which honours the legacy of former Board member, Gillian Trumper, aligns with her and the Port's support, of youth education and mentorship. Rory certainly reflects all of the values that Gillian encouraged in youth and so, is a very deserving recipient."

This annual bursary of \$3,500 rewards outstanding dedication to work duties and customer service by an eligible employee to pursue post-secondary education. Applicants were considered on the merits of their overall work performance including dedication, commitment and leadership; educational pursuits; career goals; and financial need.

Zoran Knezevic,  
President & CEO

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