

## **2013-2014 April Allen Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded annually to students within their first year of being admitted into one of the Actuarial Sciences programs who demonstrate excellence in academic performance and exhibit potential for success in the actuarial science field. Preference is given to students who have personally been affected by cancer and/or have demonstrated leadership and/or service to an organization involved in cancer research and care. It was established by D.A. Townley & Associates to honor the spirit of April Allen.

### **Yu (Wayne) Wang writes:**

I am a newly admitted Actuarial Science student, and this is my third year at Simon Fraser University. I chose a double major in Actuarial Science and Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. It is a great honor for me to be the recipient of the April Allen Scholarship for the 2013 – 2014 academic year. It will remarkably reduce the financial burden on me as an international student, and allow me to fully focus on my education.

My life has been affected by cancer since I was in high school, my grandfather had been diagnosed with liver cancer at the age of 86, and after one year of a series of radiation treatments and surgery, he passed away six years ago. I can't describe how much pain and burden I went through at that time. I was even more affected by the disease when my best friend's mother was touched by breast cancer three years ago; I heard the grievous news two days before I left my hometown for university. Besides those experiences with close friends and relatives, a teacher in my high school was diagnosed with Leukemia our school held a series of activities to raise donations for her treatment; however it couldn't stop the disease from terminating her young life. Cancer cannot be dealt with by pills and surgery; patients need more attention from society. I was involved in a volunteer program at Burquitlam Lions Care Centre (BLCC) to help, not only people with cancer, but those seniors with disabilities and difficulties living their lives.

At last, I would like to send my sincere appreciation to D.A. Townley & Associates for donating the funds, which means a lot to me, and the whole SFU society. It not only allows us to focus on our education and career, but also gives us the drive to succeed in what we do, and giving back to the society one day in the future.