

## **2014-2015 Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship**

One Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship in Actuarial Science will be made available in any semester, based on academic merit, to a 3rd or 4th year student with a declared major in Actuarial Science.

### **Evan Thompson writes:**

Receiving this scholarship is an honor and privilege. It is incredibly motivating to be recognized in such a tangible way, and to see that there is acknowledgement for students pursuing this career path.

As a fourth year Actuarial Science student at SFU, I have undergone many of the trials that the program presents. Late nights finishing assignments and studying for exams are a given, and have led to some of my most unforgettable moments of academic growth. Piecing together large concepts that seem incomprehensible to start is very satisfying.

Through work experience I have witnessed that these skills are similarly important in the actuarial field, where the work's intricacies lead to persistent challenge and growth. These challenges are what keep the work interesting, and what have me so excited to continue my pursuit. The greater challenges that are presented as I complete further exams and become an actuary are exciting.

Outside of school, I spend free time performing improvised comedy shows in Vancouver, and recently in New York City. Improv is a great hobby which bolsters communication skills, builds close friend groups, develops public speaking ability, and exercises thinking on your feet. I feel that all of these skills are very applicable in any situation that involves solving unique problems or communicating with people; I would recommend it!

Receiving the Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship in Actuarial Science is very motivating. It will help pay for textbooks, study guides, and other necessary costs in becoming an actuary. Thank you to the Pacific Blue Cross for your support!