

2006-2007 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award

These awards are presented to students in the major/honor program with high academic standing.

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Many people thought I was crazy. I gave up a stable position in a successful family business, and immigrated to a new country without knowing how the future is going to unfold. But three years later, with a confident smile on my face, I can proudly say that this was the best decision that I have ever made. By rejecting everything that had been planned for me, I finally fulfilled what had been missing from my life: my desire for challenges and competitions.

Shortly after arriving in Canada, I decided to go back to school and was admitted to SFU. Knowing my strength and my interest had always been in working with numbers and logic, I took many mathematics courses during the first two semesters. Although I have been out of school for a very long time, all my hard work paid off and I maintained an "A" average. I continued to amaze myself because the more I was challenged, the better I performed. I became addicted and it was hard to quit. When I heard about the highly competitive Actuarial Science Program, which appeared to be an excellent area to apply one's mathematical knowledge, I immediately set another goal; I became a student in the Actuarial Science Program despite a matriculation ratio of 1 to 5.

Being probably the oldest student among the class, I again challenged my aging memory while fully exerting my capacity to learn. Even though some courses were known to be notoriously tough, I still strove to maintain an outstanding GPA in this highly selective program, and found my passion for the actuarial profession growing day after day.

Now that I am in the senior year of my undergraduate study, I will soon begin a new search. I look forward to applying my solid knowledge and excelling as an actuary. I know there is a long road ahead of me before I can become a fully qualified actuary. I also know that the challenge is only going to get more intense and the competition more fierce, but I am ready to face them without fear or hesitation.