

## **2006-2007 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award**

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

### **Shuo Lu**

Three years ago, I moved to Canada with my family for a better education opportunity and a better future. However, at that time, I didn't have a clear idea about my career.

At first, I thought that commerce is interesting and maybe a good major to choose. Without further concerns, I started at Langara College, where I finished most of my lower division courses. Since I am interested in economics and finance, I took a lot of econ and accounting courses at that time. One day, my statistics instructor talked about actuarial science in the lecture. Although I've heard about actuarial science before, that was the first time I began to get interested in this academic field, and I thought that being an actuary might be a good choice as well. I'm interested in economics and finance, and I'm good at mathematics, so why not to choose actuarial science which is related to both of the two areas. Since then, I set my career goal as being an actuary.

Last year, I took ACMA 210 and successfully got the admission of the actuarial science major program. Right now, I'm taking ACMA 320 and ACMA 315. Those courses are challenging, fascinating, and very helpful for preparing for the SOA exams. I passed Exam FM, and I'm going to write Exam P this May.

I know actuarial science is by no means an easy program; thus, to become an actuary, there is still a long way to go. Now, I am ready to face the challenges and to overcome any difficulties in my future study.

At last, I want to thank my parents who have been supporting me all the time and taking care of me so well. Moreover, I must express my gratitude to the professors in the department who provide tremendous help and support.