TAFE Illawarra Students Awarded Veolia Mulwaree Trust Scholarships

Four TAFE Illawarra students will be presented with a Veolia Mulwaree Trust Scholarship on Thursday 2 August at Goulburn Campus.

The Scholarship will provide financial support to the students while they attend TAFE Illawarra and is aimed at encouraging professional working relationships with students and employers.

Sarah Haynes, Zawadi Nyiramugisha and Shaun Primmer from Goulburn Campus and Rosalie Whitelaw from Moss Vale Campus will each be awarded a Scholarship worth $1,500.

Sarah is currently undertaking a Certificate III in Aged Care at Goulburn Campus. She is also employed as a Personal Carer at Sunset Lodge in Taralga. Her short-term goal is to complete her course and to gain full time work. Her long-term goal is to become a Registered Nurse and perhaps specialise in Mental Health, Children’s Health and Palliative Care.

“I am in awe of the Enrolled Nurses and Registered Nurses who go above and beyond their care of duty looking after the residents in the Lodge. I believe that it takes a really special person to be a Nurse and I hope that I can make a real difference to the lives of the people that I will take care of in the future,” said Ms Haynes.

Zawadi is studying a Certificate IV in Community Services Work at Goulburn Campus. She is from Congo and was in a refugee camp in Rwanda for 15 years before coming to Australia in 2010.

“My long-term goal is to finish my course as I really want to pursue a career in welfare work. I feel that my own personal experience has made me a stronger person and I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunities that I have had while in Australia. I believe that education is the key to empowerment and when armed with knowledge it is possible to make a positive change for minority groups and the disadvantaged. I am so appreciative of Veolia for this scholarship,” said Ms Nyiramugisha.

Shaun is undertaking a Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation at Goulburn Campus. He lives in Goulburn and assists in community fundraising whenever he can.

“I am absolutely committed to finishing my TAFE course so that I can take up further training and then qualifications seeking employment in Corrective Services. I really value the Department’s role in rehabilitating offenders to reduce re-offending and I would like to make a difference and this assistance from the Trust will greatly assist me to reach my goal,” said Mr Primmer.

Moss Vale student Rosalie Whitelaw is currently studying a Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation and her aim is to gain a degree in Veterinary Science. In the meantime, she is gaining as much experience as she can by working in the Thoroughbred industry. Rosie is also very involved in her local community.

“We are delighted that four of our students will be receiving the scholarships this year. Each one is contributing in some way to the local community whilst undertaking vocational training to further enhance their goal of professional occupations with a helping focus,” said David Guthrey, Manager District Operations - Highlands.

Paul Stephenson from Veolia Mulwaree Trust will present the scholarships to the four students. Mayor Cr Geoff Kettle and Vanessa Topalis from Veolia Mulwaree Trust will also attend.

Media are invited to attend the presentation and interview and photograph the students.

Date: Thursday 2 August 2012
Time: 2.30pm
Venue: TAFE Illawarra - Goulburn Campus
Argyle Restaurant (Dining Room)
Corner of Verner and View Streets, Goulburn

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