G. Clarence Elliott plaque unveiled, scholars recognized

2000/2001 recipients of the G. Clarence Elliott Scholarship (from left to right) Shaun Finnigan, Scott Neish and Sean Pearson stand in front of a plaque that was unveiled in Elliott's honour.

Students, faculty and staff, as well as friends and colleagues of G. Clarence Elliott gathered for a reception on Friday, September 15, to unveil a memorial plaque in his honour and to recognize the recipients of the scholarship that was created in his name.

Steve Demnings (MCP/78), a member of the selection committee for the award, spoke of Elliott's career at Great West Life as a pioneer of real estate. He also said that Elliott was as a special friend and colleague to many, and well as a mentor.

"In 1994, in recognition of his accomplishment and his impact on our own careers, his colleagues decided to establish a scholarship in his name," said Demnings.

Dennings said that as word of the scholarship spread across Canada, friends and colleagues contributed to the endowment fund, raising $130,000. The fund is now valued at close to $200,000.

Selection committee member Ernie Johnson (LLB/51), spoke of the good times he spent with Elliott when they worked together at Great West Life. He described Elliott as a man 'outstanding' in his field both as a farmer, and as a businessman.

Since 1995, the scholarship has been presented annually to full-time graduate students registered in a masters or doctoral program. Students from agricultural economics, architecture, business administration, city planning, economics, and statistics are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

This year's recipients were Scott Neish, architecture, Shaun Finnigan, landscape architecture, and Sean Pearson, architecture. They were presented with certificates from the selection committee, and Finnigan gave words of thanks on behalf of the students. Gillian Ewing of the selection committee recognized past recipients of the award by reading their names and inviting them to come forward.

The selection committee is hopeful that the reception will raise awareness in faculties and departments about the award.

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