

NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

The Australian Report

Hello ABEP staff and students! No worries, I am still alive. None of the deadly Australian animals have won against the notorious Mya yet.

Classes are going well here. While you guys are celebrating summer and working at your summer internships I will still be studying and working on assignments -- classes here do not end until July. The education system here is very different than what I am used to. There are tutorials for every lecture topic. The tutorials require mandatory attendance and for students to share with the class their answers for assigned homework questions. Flinders University has a neat online system where the lectures are recorded and posted online. No worrying about missing class content, you just go online. The online lectures have been helpful when I've had to get groceries for the week.

When I am not studying I try to fill my weekends with adventures. I am fortunate enough to have a roommate who is Australian. She takes my other roommate (who is from Holland) and I back to her hometown on some weekends and we go surfing, biking, swimming, and have home cooked meals with her family.

A few weekends ago I went shark diving and convinced three other students from University Housing to join me. It was an amazing experience to come face-to-face with seven



Above: ABEP adventurer Mya Horley shows no fear as a Great White shark approaches. Turn to page 3 to see more pictures from Down Under.

different great white sharks, the largest being 4.5 meters long!

During the mid-semester break a friend and I went to Sydney for the Harbour Bridge Climb, Cairns to check out the Great Barrier Reef, and a five day camping trip outside in the Australian outback from Uluru (Ayers Rock) to the Flinders Ranges.

I have seen, held, and fed many kangaroos; I have held koalas; and I even got over my fear of large birds by being chased by emus who wanted food.

I am not sure where I will be heading to next. I would love to see New Zealand while I am here -- but first, I must focus on finishing up assignments and completing final exams.

I wish everyone a great and wonderful summer and best of luck on your internships. I will see you in July! ☺

~Mya Horley~



ABEP alumni Julie Deslauriers prepares to drape Hanwakan Whitecloud with a Star Blanket at the 2011 graduation, held at the Victoria Inn on April 28

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2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply by July 15



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JULY

ABEP is currently accepting applications for our scholarships, awards, bursaries, and prizes for the 2011 – 2012 academic year.

Applications for our Entrance Bursary and Needs Bursary must be accompanied with a final assessment from Manitoba Student Aid.

Please visit the ABEP offices to receive a hard copy of our application, or email us for an electronic copy (abep@cc.umanitoba.ca).

We look forward to partnering with you as you continue your studies at the Asper School of Business.



Manitoba Student Aid website: http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/sfaFrontDoor_en.html

ABEP GRAD 2011

One journey ends as another begins

ABEP staff would like to congratulate Kisani Frechette and Nina Herard on their completion of the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Manitoba's Asper School of Business.

Josee Lepine, Tiffany Monkman, and Hanwakan Whitecloud are currently completing their final courses towards the Bachelor of Commerce and will soon graduate.

Each of our graduates and expected graduates were honored at the 2011 graduation with a star blanket, as pictured to the right.

ABEP would like to thank our corporate partners and allies for their generous support of our student event.



ABOVE: Aboriginal Student Centre Advisor Carl Stone prepares to sing a traditional honour song in celebration of our graduates' accomplishments.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2011 - 2012

Changes to Building Personal Excellence and Leadership

ABEP will no longer offer Building Personal Excellence and Leadership seminars during the pre-scheduled time slot, as we have done in the past. This change is in response to our student survey.

Instead, we will offer networking and social events during various

time slots throughout the academic year. This will allow greater flexibility to attend classes and to still have the chance to meet with other students.

We hope to see as many of you to each event as possible and look forward to an amazing 2011 – 2012.

ADD A LADY TO ADELAIDE

Mya Takes Australia by Storm



*Twenty years from now you
will be more disappointed
by the things that you
didn't do than by the ones
you did do.
So throw off the bowlines.*

*Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.*

Explore. Dream. Discover.

~ Mark Twain ~



DESTINATION AMSTERDAM

ABEP Student Taylor Poirier off to Netherlands



Taylor Poirier will travel to Amsterdam Netherlands for a Fall 2011 International Exchange at Hogeschool van Amsterdam.
Congratulations, Taylor!

ITCHIN' TO TRAVEL?

ABEP Award May Help



ABEP students are eligible to apply for an International study award upon acceptance into Asper's International Exchange Program.

Talk to ABEP staff to learn more about this exciting opportunity
TODAY!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2011

- 17 Last day to register and pay for 2011-2012 parking
- 30 Recommended deadline to apply for MB Student Aid (assessment is required for ABEP bursaries)

July 2011

- 4 Access Aurora Student to find out your registration time
- 11 Aurora Student registration begins
- 15 Application deadline for ABEP awards, scholarships, and bursaries (**deadline is FIRM**)

September 2011

- 6 U1 Orientation (University 1 Students only)
- 6 Business Banquet (newly-admitted Asper students)
- 7 Buddy Day (newly-admitted Asper students)
- 7 Tuition payment deadline
- 8 First day of classes
- 9 ABEP Welcome Night

WINNING SPIRIT FROM WINNIPEG

Winnipeg Takes Home Gold & Bronze at E-Spirit Competition



ABOVE: Students from Children of the Earth, Gordon Bell, RB Russell, and Sisler celebrated their accomplishments at Drake Centre on May 31, 2011.

Winnipeg high school students made a strong showing at the 2011 E-Spirit competition - snaring Gold and Bronze in addition to three Special Achievement Awards.

Currently in its 11th year, E-Spirit is a national Aboriginal youth business plan competition sponsored by BDC. This year's event was held in Moncton NB.

Children of the Earth's "Edible Bouquets" received the Gold award; meanwhile RB Russell's Anishinabe Welding Company received the Bronze award and one Special Achievement award. One team each

from RB Russell and Children of the Earth received the remaining two Special Achievement awards.

ABEP staff and Lenny McKay held a celebration in honor of all the team's efforts and achievements.

"The [event] opened my students' eyes to a commerce degree and felt even better about their E-spirit accomplishments," said one teacher about the celebration, which was held on May 31. ABEP is proud of our hometown students' accomplishments and hope to see continued success in the future.

LENNY MCKAY

ABEP Student and GE Scholar



Lenny McKay was recently selected as a G.E. (General Electric) Foundation Scholar-Leader - one of only five students selected from across Canada.

Lenny's participation in the Scholar-Leader program includes a renewable \$4,000 scholarship for up to three years, the opportunity to be mentored by a G.E. business leader, and participation in a leadership development seminar in Mississauga Ontario.

Lenny also received a 2010 Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Award – alongside three fellow ABEP students.

