

Dear Joe,

I would like to express my sincerest thank you to you and everyone on the board of the McGannon Foundation for providing Connie, Kyle, Miles and myself with the opportunity to attend the 2010 RIMS Canada Conference in Edmonton. We were very fortunate that four of us were able to attend this year, and the Foundation's time, interest and support in the students is so greatly appreciated.

You had mentioned us providing some feedback on our experience at the conference and the Student Involvement Program.

The set up of the program was very organized. Our hotel arrangements were great and it was so nice being so close to the conference center. I really appreciate the mentor schedule that was created for us. Our mentors had very diverse backgrounds and we were able to ask a lot of questions. They took time out of their day to get to know us, show us around, and introduce us to other members of the industry. Everyone showed us so much kindness, we felt so welcome.

I enjoyed spending time at the various company booths, it really put into perspective just how many great opportunities there are in this industry. Also, it was so wonderful we were able to attend the various company dinners, events and the Gala. We were able to learn more about the different companies and meet so many different people. It was a very busy and exciting four days! For those students lucky enough to be chosen to attend in Vancouver and Ottawa next year, some spare time to go explore the city during the conference would be a great addition to the experience.

The University of Calgary's Association of Risk Management and Insurance (ARMI) is holding a speaker night at the beginning of November where we will be talking about our time at the conference--our goal is to generate more awareness of the RIMS conferences among students and the wonderful opportunity that the Foundation is providing for students. This is an invaluable experience, and I am so grateful to have been chosen.

Thank you again for everything, I look forward to seeing you again the future!

Sincerely,
Meera Padamsey, President
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