

Every Student, Every Day

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VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

***Every Student, Every Day* Receives Yukon Geoscience Forum Honour**

Whitehorse, Yukon – Victoria Gold Corp. ('Victoria') received the Yukon Chamber of Mines Community Award at the 41st Annual Yukon Geoscience Forum and Trade Show banquet on Monday evening. The honour was bestowed to celebrate the company's work to establish the *Every Student, Every Day* initiative, which helps address student attendance challenges in the territory.

Each year, this recognition is given to a Yukon Chamber of Mines member to recognize their contributions to the advancement of a sustainable and responsible mineral industry in the territory.

"Victoria recognized that student attendance requires a community-wide approach involving industry, communities, Yukon First Nations, educators, leaders and governments to help our territory's children get to school and stay in school," said Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society President Kelly Arychuk. "We are grateful to Victoria for its support and the awareness they help to create for *Every Student, Every Day*."

In early 2012, just over 5,000 students were enrolled in Yukon schools and 1,500 (or 30 per cent) were dropping out before their high school graduation as compared to the national dropout rate of 7.8 per cent in 2011-2012.

"Yukon communities were particularly affected and Victoria was compelled to help find solutions that would most importantly benefit the students themselves, however would also benefit communities, the health of the territory's social and economic fabric and the industry's potential labour workforce," continued Arychuk.

Since October 2012, *Every Student, Every Day* has raised over \$110,000, which has directly benefitted 11 student attendance projects in communities throughout the Yukon. The next solicitation for project proposals will take place in the New Year and be awarded to the successful applicants during Yukon Education Week next April.

For more information about *Every Student, Every Day*, please visit www.everystudenteveryday.ca or Every Student, Every Day Yukon on Facebook.

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