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Kiley Jackson recently completed her work experience placement in our Youth Hires program, only to also learn she was the top recipient in our Indigenous scholarship program, taking home the Randy Brant memorial scholarship of \$8,000. Kiley talks about her recent work experience and her future studies.

As a [youth hire](#) and [Randy Brant scholarship](#) recipient, following a path towards environmental engineering, Kiley Jackson is well on her way to building a successful career at only 18.

When **Kiley Jackson**, a member of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, first heard she was accepted into our Youth Hires program, she immediately called her mom to share the good news. Our Youth Hires program is a great opportunity for those interested in joining the trade or technical field to experience what the role looks like in a real work environment.

"I've really enjoyed my work experience with both the Northern Environmental Field Operations and Construction services teams. I learnt so much over the short eight weeks I was here. Everyone I've worked with or have met was very helpful and informative, and every day I learnt something new and interesting. Working as a youth hire at BC Hydro has been one of the most enjoyable summer jobs I've had," shared Kiley on her last day in the program.



Above: Kiley heading in to the Prince George office to start her day.

Not only did Kiley have the chance to participate in the program, she was also the successful applicant to receive our Randy Brant scholarship. There were 103 applicants for 2019-2020 that the Indigenous Scholarships & Bursaries Evaluation Committee reviewed from across the province. Fresh out of high school, Kiley was the top applicant demonstrating a combination of academic prowess and outstanding community involvement, winning her the top overall award of \$8,000 towards her post-secondary schooling.

“When I first learned that I won this scholarship I couldn’t wait to tell the great news to my family. Everyone is so proud of how well I’m doing and they’re looking forward to me having a great first year of university. This scholarship is going to help me greatly with all of the school expenses,” said Kiley.

### Paving the way for the next generation of Jacksons

Being the first in her family to work at BC Hydro, Kiley was ambitious to make the most of this opportunity, even relocating from Mackenzie to work at the Prince George office. Kiley has already demonstrated a hard working attitude, putting in 12 hour weekend shifts at a local mill for three years prior to becoming a youth hire. Due to recent layoffs at the mill, job opportunities are becoming harder to come by in Mackenzie, and people have to take long commutes to find work.

Kiley hopes to set an example for her two younger sisters, “My family and I are very close to each other, we do almost everything together. My two younger sisters definitely look up to me.”

Kiley will be starting her first year of university this week in a joint environmental engineering program at UNBC, then UBC, and has set her sights on returning to the BC Hydro Environment team after her graduation. We wish you the best in your educational pursuits Kiley and hope to see you again as an employee!

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### Congratulations to all of our Indigenous scholarship and bursary winners

Jonah Saemerow – Metis Nation  
Lydia Toorenburgh – Cree Metis Nation  
Daniel Kennedy – Cook’s Ferry Band Community  
Michelle Walsh - Nadleh Whut’en Nation  
Aaron Leon Secwepmc - Shuswap Nation Tribal Council – Splatsin Nation  
Emma Johnston - St’at’imc – T’it’q’et Nation  
Alexandra Krilow - Metis Nation  
Zoe Craig - Musqueam Nation  
Alexis Thompson - Cape Mudge (We Wai Kai) Nation  
Carrie Terbasket - ONA – Lower Similkameen Community  
Gabrielle Landry Nash - Ktunaxa - St. Mary’s Band Community of the Ktunaxa Nation  
Austin Whitney - St’at’imc – Xaxil’p Community  
Lynnea Mills - Squamish Nation  
Ann Whonnock - Squamish Nation  
Josephine Laci – Kwantlen Nation  
Braden Puglas – Lake Babine Nation  
Cassidy Pryde – St’at’imc - T’skw’aylaxw Community  
Jesse Nole – Tahltan Band  
Lindsay Gibson – Musqueam Nation  
Tyler Aaron Jones – Garden River First Nation  
Alyssa Tylee – McLeod Lake Indian Band  
Brighton Campbell – Sauteau First Nation  
Courtenay Gibson – Musqueam Nation  
Aiyana Twigg – Blood Tribe of the Ktunaxa Nation  
Dawn Machin – ONA – Okanagan Indian Band

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**Driver, Allison** 9/3/2019 11:37 AM [Edit](#) | [Delete](#)  
So proud of Kiley for all of her accomplishments this year and looking forward to what the future holds for her. It was an absolute pleasure getting to know her!



**Judge, Kiran** 9/3/2019 10:50 AM  
Congrats, Kiley! I can see why your younger sisters look up to you :)



**Deeley, Anna** 9/3/2019 10:38 AM  
Congratulations Kiley! This sounds like a well-deserved recognition - best of luck in your studies!



**Cox, Kim** 9/3/2019 9:34 AM  
Congratulations Kiley! I remember Randy Brant very fondly, he was an amazing leader and person. What a wonderful scholarship to win, and well deserved!



**Choudhury, Paul** 9/3/2019 8:59 AM  
Welcome to BC Hydro and the Engineering community! Keep smiling!



**Smith, Shane - Environment** 9/3/2019 8:35 AM  
Kiley was an asset to our team and a pleasure to work with. I am a fan of the Youth Hires program!



**Middleton, Heather** 9/3/2019 8:31 AM  
I'm so pleased to hear Kiley recieved this award - it was a pleasure to have Kiley join our team as a Youth Trade Hire this summer. Well done Kiley!



**Rivera Terroba, Eric** 9/3/2019 8:24 AM  
Welcome to BC HYDRO! Kiley :)  
Congratulations!



**McDowall, Ann** 9/3/2019 7:47 AM  
A great story and so good to see us supporting further education related to careers at BC Hydro. Congratulations to Kiley and all the other winners!



**Lober, Herbert** 9/3/2019 7:08 AM  
Terrific posting! Congratulations, Kiley. I'm sure you will be an asset no matter where you are.  
Herb

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