

**May 25, 2009**

## **Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program at Father Lacombe High School Recognized**

**Calgary** – The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) presented a gift of \$1,000 for the purchase of Aboriginal cultural resources on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Calgary's Father Lacombe High School.

The association's donation to the school, on behalf of the APEGGA Aboriginal Affairs Program, recognizes and supports the APEGGA volunteers who inspire and challenge Aboriginal youth. APEGGA members volunteer as mentors with individuals and groups of Aboriginal students who are interested in science and math. The funds will help to create a collection of Aboriginal heritage materials for the school library, and demonstrate APEGGA's commitment to support and further mentoring and outreach to Aboriginal youth.

APEGGA volunteer mentors and representatives from the APEGGA Aboriginal mentoring program were in attendance together with school librarian and students. Father Lacombe High School's librarian Carol Rinequist accepted the cheque on the school's behalf.

APEGGA's Aboriginal Mentorship Program is only possible because of the commitment of APEGGA Members who volunteer as mentors, taking time out of their hectic professional lives to help inspire youth. The mentors encourage youth to explore their dreams by answering questions, sharing stories and acting as positive role models.

The APEGGA Aboriginal mentorship program was created to support the interests of Aboriginal youth of all ages and to encourage them to explore math and science with the hope that some will pursue careers as professional engineers or geoscientists. The program focuses on students in kindergarten through grade 12. For more information visit [www.apegga.org](http://www.apegga.org).

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The Association's more than 54,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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Note: Photos from the presentation are attached

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