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Five Nations Energy Inc. is proud to sponsor annual scholarships and proud of the achievements of these scholars. Two scholarship winners answered a few questions about their studies and their plans.

2008 Scholarship Winners	
Attawapiskat Education Authority	Jordan Edwards, Loyalist College
Hiskoonikum Education Authority	Janine Stephen, Northern College
Mundo Peetabeck Education Authority	Paul Chakasim, Canadore College
Northern Lights Secondary School	Cheyenne Tozer, Canadore College
Taykwa Tagamou Nation	Kevin Ross, Cambrian College
Moose Cree First Nation	Christopher McComb



Operations Manager John Sucee with scholarship winners Kevin Ross and Janine Stephen.  
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### What subject are you studying?

**Paul:** I've been attending Canadore College for the last 2 years, taking the Graphic Design program. This year will be my third and final year of the program. I plan to spend an additional year studying Interactive Multimedia (3D design, sound and film production, etc) to further my skills. If that wasn't enough, I'd really like to get a diploma in Music Industry Arts at Fanshawe. I guess it's safe to say that I'm really interested in the entire communicative arts field!

**Cheyenne:** I'm studying Aircraft Maintenance - Aviation Technician at Canadore College in North Bay. It's a two year program and is a very interesting program. I never imagined learning anything like this before and I'm very happy with my program selection.

### What career or job are you considering for your future?

**Paul:** To be honest, I don't have a specific career I'd like to pursue after I'm finished school because the opportunities are so vast. I can become anything from a web developer to a recording studio engineer. I've always been a creative person. Before I could even walk or talk, I was drawing pictures and playing drums. The combination of both art and technology really excites me.

**Cheyenne:** In my future I'm going to work hard towards my Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) license. It's an excellent program and there is also very high demand for AMEs. I would eventually like to start a business in Northern Ontario and fix aircraft up there. I've always been very interested in this because I'm interested in all parts of aircraft. So I'm coming here to learn and get my questions answered.



offer encouragement if I'm going through a rough patch. They believe in education and always stand by my side.

**Cheyenne:** My family have always supported me in my educational choices and kept me on track throughout the years. My family is in the aviation industry and really inspired me to do this as a career. I'm very blessed to have my family and friends to be there for me as I'm going out to school.

### What role has your community and family played in your education?

**Paul:** Both my family and Mundo Peetabeck have been extremely supportive to me. I really appreciate the fact that Mundo Peetabeck has granted my requests throughout the years for camera equipment, software, and art supplies. I know it's not cheap, so I'm glad (and often relieved!) when they agree to pay for some items my program requires. It helps a lot. Also, my family is just fantastic. My parents always





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FNEI. I will be relying heavily on the dedicated Board members of FNEI to set a course that benefits all the communities.

Although I am still relatively new, the focus of FNEI has not changed. Since I have been on board we continue to focus on the two main aspects of our business. These two aspects are safety and reliability. Safety has a very high focus in the electricity business and we at FNEI ensure safety is our number one priority. Therefore I will use this opportunity to remind everyone to take caution and be careful with working in and around any electric power source.

When it comes to reliability, FNEI's goal is to provide reli-

able power to our customers 100% of the time. This is a very difficult target to achieve. Over the last six years, we have been tracking our reliability statistics and we have achieved a reliability rating of 99.7%. What this means is that FNEI has been providing power 99.7% of the time as per our planned delivery schedule. We do have outages to work on the system and these planned outages are not factored into this reliability rating. Also,

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## Board Information Tour

On November 12, 2008, Larry Brooksbank travelled with eight members from the FNEI Board of Directors and some of the Local Distribution Company employees from all three communities to show them first hand the upgrades and modifications to the FNEI infrastructure.

The upgrades include the new transmission line constructed by De Beers Canada, the fibre optic cable installation and telecommunications shelters in each community, new control buildings in each community, back up transformers in Fort Albany and Attawapiskat, and the preparations for the back up transformer in Kashechewan.

Once these upgrades are energized and transferred to FNEI, FNEI will have doubled the value of its assets since the initial installation just seven years ago. In addition to providing service to the Victor project, these upgrades will also help to ensure that the communities have fewer disruptions in their service, and that the line

is better maintained and monitored. The addition of fibre optic cables to the infrastructure will allow instant notification if there is an outage or problem along the line, and the excess capacity will be made available to the communities for high speed Internet access.

Individuals from each of the three communities attended the tour, with Peter Paulmartin, a new Board member, and Sally Louttit representing Attawapiskat, Henry Kooseses, Mary Williams, and Sam Friday representing Kashechewan, and Alex Solomon, Priscilla Nakogee, and Cassandra Hookimaw representing Fort Albany. While in Fort Albany, John-Paul Nakochee, George Edwards, and Douglas Nakogee joined the tour. This tour offered people who work with FNEI a chance to better understand the whole system and all its components, and ask questions about how it all works.

our customers do experience other unplanned outages, and these are sometimes due to system failures that are not within FNEI's control or asset base. If you think a 99.7% reliability factor is good, we do not. FNEI wants to do better and with the commissioning of the new power line that we expect to take place later this year, we are confident our reliability rating will improve.

And finally, I would like to give you a brief update on the connection of the fiber optic line. The final work is being planned and we expect this to be completed this summer. So by the time the children go back to class in the fall, we are confident the fiber optic system

will be up and running. A new company called Western James Bay Telecom Network (WJBNTN) has been formed to deliver the fiber optic cable within each of our member communities. The company will deliver the benefits within the member communities. As for FNEI, the fiber optics will enable us to improve our system and increase our efficiency and reliability. It also provides us with 24 hour monitoring of our sub-stations located in each community.

I look forward to providing updates in future newsletters and I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

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Joe Gaboury









