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### **2010 Giovanni Castellarin Scholarship Fund Recipients Announced**

Whitehorse – The Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon and the Klondike Visitors Association are pleased to announce that Kristen Cook and David Gammie have been chosen as the 2010 Giovanni Castellarin Scholarship Fund winners. As this year's successful applicants, each winner will be awarded a \$1,000 dollar scholarship to assist with the cost of their post-secondary education in tourism.

A resident of Dawson City, David is currently studying Adventure Tourism Business Operations at the College of the Rockies in Golden, British Columbia. David has a passion for Yukon's pristine wilderness, and with his tourism education he hopes to expand tourism opportunities in the Klondike and share his passion of the outdoors with visitors to the territory.

A member of the Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation, Kristen was born in Whitehorse and raised in Dawson City. She is currently enrolled in the Travel & Tourism Advanced 5 Star CITC Endorsed Diploma Program at the Canadian Tourism College in Vancouver. While receiving her award, Kristen expressed her gratitude, saying, "The scholarship will be helpful while completing my studies outside of the Yukon. I am proud to call the Yukon my home and I look forward to promoting tourism in the territory."

As winners of this year's scholarships, TIA Yukon and KVA congratulate both Kristen and David and wish them much success in their tourism education and future endeavours. KVA Executive Director Gary Parker is pleased that this year's winners are passionate about tourism, saying "Having worked with Giovanni Castellarin, I know he would be pleased with the level of commitment to tourism that both of these recipients have."

Established in 2002 in memory of Giovanni Castellarin, a long-time champion of tourism in Yukon and the Klondike, this scholarship is a joint initiative between the Klondike Visitors Association and the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon.

Annually, two successful applicants are each awarded a scholarship of \$1000 to assist with their post-secondary studies in the field of tourism.

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