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Laurentian students take home provincial engineering title

Sudbury (Ontario) – Laurentian University’s team of four engineering students beat out 15 other universities to win the Ontario Engineering Competition – Senior Design Category – held at the University of Waterloo last weekend. They designed the best automated mechanism to lower itself down a model mine shaft, pick up some “ore”, and bring it back to the surface, surpassing engineering teams from the University of Toronto (2nd) and University of Waterloo (3rd).

All proud northerners, the winning students are (photo): Samuel Carrière (New Liskeard, third year mechanical engineering), Lauren Flett (Sudbury, fourth year chemical engineering), Kyle Beaudry (Sturgeon Falls, third year mechanical engineering), and Patrick Chartrand (New Liskeard, third year mechanical engineering). They are seen in the photo with Laurentian president Dominic Giroux (right), and Dougal McCreath (middle, back row), director of the School of Engineering.

“We are very proud of our students. This is the second year in a row that Laurentian students have come home from this prestigious competition having risen to the top amongst the best engineering students in Ontario,” commented president Dominic Giroux. “This year’s results prove again to the university sector and industry that our engineering programs are some of the best. In fact, we received this year a record number of high school applications for our engineering programs, up 15% over last year.”

The Ontario Engineering Competition is open to all university engineering programs and disciplines in the province. All senior teams are given the same design problem and have eight hours to solve it, build a prototype, make a formal presentation and operate it in front of a panel of judges.

The team will move on to the Canadian Engineering Competition to be held from March 18 to 21 at the University of Toronto.

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