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## **Prince Rupert Port Authority Announces \$10,000 in New Local Scholarships**

**Prince Rupert, B.C.; April 27, 2006** – The Prince Rupert Port Authority has created two annual \$5,000 scholarships for students pursuing studies toward careers related to international trade and transportation, starting with this year’s 2006 graduating classes.

The Port Authority initiated the scholarships as a long-term investment in Prince Rupert by providing meaningful financial support to local graduating students who are committed to academic excellence, contributing to the community and continuing their education. The scholarships are also intended to help address a growing need for highly-skilled professionals in the local transportation industry.

“With the pending container terminal development and the expansion of related secondary industries across northern British Columbia, there is an impending demand for professionals of all disciplines to live and work in Prince Rupert as well as throughout the region,” says Port Authority President and CEO **Don Krusel**. “We hope these scholarships will encourage local students to think about the transportation industry and prepare themselves educationally for the significant opportunities that are on the horizon.”

The Port Authority will award the two annual \$5,000 scholarships to one Grade 12 graduate each from Prince Rupert Secondary School and Charles Hays Secondary School. Preferences will be given to applicants pursuing careers in the international trade and transportation industry including international business, trade and commerce, transportation and logistics, marketing, engineering, communications, finance and law. Preferences will also be given to candidates who demonstrate a desire to practice their profession in northern British Columbia following graduation.

“We hope to encourage our young people to return to this region after they have completed post-secondary training,” explains Krusel. “We have a great untapped resource in the youth of northern British Columbia and we need to support a long-term program to capitalize on that resource.”

Other criteria for the award will include academic standing, school and community involvement, social responsibility and submitting an 800-word essay on transportation. A committee representing the Prince Rupert Port Authority, Prince Rupert Secondary, and Charles Hayes Secondary will review applicants and make recommendations for the awards. The recipients will be recognized at their respective school’s graduation ceremony.

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