

2012-2013 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award

These awards are presented to students in the major/honor program with high academic standing.

Braden Rustand writes:

Now more than ever, I am happy to be majoring in actuarial science and have the opportunity to do challenging and rewarding coursework. As I expected and hoped, although upper level STAT and ACMA courses are more difficult, they are also much more interesting both in their theory and applications because there is more time devoted to each topic.

This is my third year of university (second at SFU, I did my first in Nanaimo), and my education is proceeding as planned. Thanks to rigorous coursework and self-studying I have passed the FM (8), P (10), and MLC (10) exams, with my grades out of ten parenthesized and supporting documentation attached. I am currently self-studying for MFE, which I will sit after this semester is over. In my coursework, I am also working through exam C material. By the time I graduate in spring 2014, I expect to have completed the five preliminary SOA exams.

I have also been learning through experience. Last semester I had the opportunity to intern at Pacific Blue Cross, where I learned about group insurance and SQL database programming. In the summer I will be interning at Manulife in Ontario, where I hope to gain expertise in another line of insurance.

With an exclusive focus on my five STAT and ACMA courses, I am determined to make this my best semester yet. With any luck, there will be many more such courses offered next year as well so I can get everything possible out of my remaining time at SFU.