

CSEG mentorship program announces “Mentor and Mentee of the Year” for 2019-2020 Academic Year

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Ms. Mandy M. Williams announced as the recipient of the “Mentor of the Year”



Nathan Fester, Chairman of The Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists Foundation Mentorship Committee today announced that Ms. Mandy M. Williams, P. Geol. has been recognized by the Committee for outstanding contributions to the mentorship of students during the past academic year.

Ms. Williams is a Senior Geologist at Burgess Creek Exploration. In addition to her role as a mentor to undergraduate students at the University of Calgary, Ms. Williams is active with the CSPG as one of the co-founders of GeoWomen of Calgary which hosts monthly talks and networking sessions geared towards women in the geoscience professions in Calgary.

Ms. Williams was nominated by her mentee, who stated “During our meetings (in-person lunch meetings and online meetings), we were discussing both technical and social aspects of geoscientific career. I have shared and received helpful feedback regarding my future career goals, which helped me to narrow down the list of skills I need to learn to succeed. Mandy introduced me to the specifics of working, opportunities and limitations of a small-size company. I am impressed by Mandy's leadership skills and I am glad I had a mentor who highly values a work-life balance and could provide me with useful tips. I am impressed by Mandy's organizational skills and her ability to stay positive in these challenging times. **As a Mentor, Mandy supported my university successes, helping to get noticed on social media, which is one of the best ways to share the achievements and look for the internships or employment.** As a co-chair of GeoWomen, Mandy is a role-model for young women who want to work and be actively involved in the geoscientific community.”.

Ms. Sandra Gharbi announced as the recipient of the “Mentee of the Year”



Ms. Gharbi is a recent graduate of the of the geophysics program at the U of C. She is currently working with Paramount Resources Kaybob Duvernay team.

Ms. Gharbi was nominated by her mentor, who stated “I was delighted to meet and get to know Sandra over the year. We had such a balanced mentorship pairing. I learned as much (or more) from her than she did from me. We navigated some tough choices regarding employment options and technical credibility and mentorship in the workplace. I was always amazed at our 'next' meeting how far she had taken some of my advice. **She gave me a sense of what it is like to be part of a fragile industry as a young and energetic geoscientist.** I was amazed how she balanced the needs of family and building technical and leadership credibility at work. I am a more aware and better mentor because of Sandra's transparency and commitment to this mentorship pairing.”

About the CSEG Outreach Mentorship Initiatives

<https://cseg.ca/students/geophysics-mentorship-program>

The CSEG Mentorship Programs are designed to establish meaningful mentoring relationships between students, and industry professionals. Programs have been developed for both students and Early Career Professionals. Students and graduates of Geophysics, Geology and Engineering are encouraged to participate in these programs.

This community provides an opportunity for participants to develop a mentoring relationship with industry professionals who can offer advice, provide a window into today's business realities, share experiences and provide career guidance.

If you are interested in participating in this program please fill out the application forms and contact mentorship@cseg.ca.