

## News Release

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### **Future SET recognizes Petro-Canada for its significant support of science and engineering programs for children**

St. John's, NL – Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador [PEG] is proud to announce that Future SET, a hands-on science, engineering and technology program for children, is recognizing Petro-Canada for its significant support over the past five years. A plaque was presented today at a special event held on the MUN campus.

“We started Future SET eleven years ago and we would not have achieved as much without significant support from the community,” said PEG President Overton Colbourne, P.Eng.

“In recent years, Petro-Canada has given us significant support and this has helped ensure that we can continue our award winning programs, such as Girl Quest, summer science camps and school workshops, and to reach as many children as possible.”

Future SET has come a long way since the first camps held in 1994 when a staff of three held workshops in 18 classes and 140 children participated in the camps.

“Future SET continues to develop and grow,” says PEG’s Executive Director, Steve McLean, P.Eng. “In 1994, we recognized that a hands-on science and engineering education program for young people [ages 7 to 14] could help develop their interest in those subjects and, with the support of Memorial University, we established Future SET.

“In eleven years, we have grown and now have nine Future SET staff – young, dynamic university students who are tops in their fields. We have developed an all-girl science club, Girl Quest; more in-class workshops and science camps; and we reach more than 2,000 children each year.”

Founded and delivered by PEG, Future SET is a non-profit, student-driven organization that promotes hands-on science, engineering, and technology education for the youth of Newfoundland and Labrador. By ensuring that the projects are exciting and informative, Future SET children learn concepts in science and engineering in a manner which will continue to spark a future interest.

In addition to support received from PEG and Petro-Canada, Memorial University is a major sponsor of Future SET.

PEG is a self-regulating professional association which governs the competent and ethical practice of engineering and geoscience in Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure public confidence in the professions. PEG receives its authority from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

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