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### CAREERS IN THE MAKING - SOMMER MERVYN

**FIRST NATION OF NA-CHO NYAK DUN CITIZEN SOMMER**

**MERVYN**, a student enrolled in Yukon University's **Environmental Monitoring Certificate Program**, is dedicated to the lands, waters and wildlife within her First Nation's traditional territory.

"It's so important to keep our traditional territory clean and healthy for future generations as our ancestors did before us," says Sommer.

Originally hired by Victoria Gold as a summer student at the Eagle Gold Mine, her position transitioned to a territorial government-funded program and Sommer is set to work at the mine through the Fall.

Raised in Mayo, where she still resides, Sommer has been interested in water issues for the past few years.

"I was drawn to the Environmental Monitoring Program to become educated about, and help protect, our lands, our waters and our animals," continues Sommer. "I really enjoy the hands-on learning aspect of the program, in addition to the classroom instruction portion, and love traveling to different terrestrial areas in the Yukon."

This flexible 10-credit, two-year program prepares students for field work with governments, industry, field researchers or environmental services companies; equipping them with technical skills and knowledge to conduct environmental monitoring tasks including an understanding of the biophysical environment, First Nations traditional knowledge, environmental sampling techniques and GPS navigation and data collection.

"I will be graduating next Spring and see myself using the knowledge I've gained to do the most I can do for my people and for wherever I go in life," adds Sommer. "If any of my friends or family members were thinking about pursuing the program, I would tell them it's amazing. It's a lot to take in so you have to be very dedicated."



Yukon University Environmental Monitoring Program student and First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun citizen Sommer Mervyn.

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### ABOUT VICTORIA GOLD & THE EAGLE GOLD MINE

The Eagle Gold Mine, now in production, is part of Victoria's 100-per cent-owned Dublin Gulch Property located approximately 375 kilometres north of Whitehorse and 85 kilometres north, northeast of the Village of Mayo within the traditional territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun. The property is accessible by road year-round and is connected to Yukon Energy Corp's electrical grid. The mine is a significant contributor to the Yukon economy employing 350-400 people.

