

Student receives bursary

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An Okanagan College student from Armstrong-Spallumcheen has garnered a special honour.

Shanna Hunt, a science student at the Kalamalka campus, will receive the 2009 Betty and Kathleen Atkinson Memorial Bursary Wednesday at the annual award ceremony.

The Atkinson Family established the bursary in memory of Betty Atkinson who graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1948 with a degree in languages. Betty moved to Armstrong in 1952 to teach and remained there for the rest of her life.

She taught high school until 1971.

In the mid-1970s, Betty became a faculty member of Okanagan College.

In the final year of her life, she was awarded a life membership in the Interior Provincial Exhibition and was named good citizen of the year.

On her 70th birthday, Betty, who was a longtime city councillor, was granted the freedom of the City of

Armstrong. Betty died in November 2000. Her daughter Kathleen died in April 2008 and the fund honours both women.

Recipients of the bursary must be per-

manent residents of the Armstrong/Spallumcheen area; mature students who have been out of high school for one or more years and who are returning to continue

his/her education.

Preference is given to a student entering a vocational certificate program at any of the campuses within Okanagan College.