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## Michael Noonan, Vanier Science Grad, wins a Rhodes Scholarship!

Montreal, December 2, 2011. Michael Noonan, a 2007 Science graduate of Vanier College, is one of two Quebec winners of this year's Rhodes Scholarships, widely considered the most prestigious scholarships in the world. Valued at approximately \$50,000 a year, Rhodes Scholarships provide all expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England.



Michael is currently completing a Bachelor of Science in Honours Ecology at Concordia University. While pursuing his undergraduate degree Michael has carried out research focused on fish behaviour and conservation and plans to continue his research while pursuing his doctorate degree in zoology at the University of Oxford. Remarkably, the 24-year-old native of Chateauguay has already published a research article as a first author in *Fish and Fisheries*, an internationally top-ranked fisheries journal.

In addition to academic excellence, the Rhodes Scholarship requires scholars to demonstrate "evidence of physical vitality, leadership, and service, whether in sports, theatre, music or other pursuits." Michael certainly meets this requirement.

While at Vanier, he wrestled for the College in 2006 and 2007. During that time he won a Silver Medal for Vanier at the Guelph University Open of January 2007 and prior to that, he won a Gold Medal at the London Ontario Junior Invitational in November 2006. As an elite Quebec athlete Michael has also competed for Canada at several international wrestling tournaments.



As a truly well-rounded individual, Michael's interests extend beyond science and sports, and he has also worked with the 78th Fraser Highlanders at the Stewart Museum demonstrating military tactics and explaining the regiment's history to the visiting public.

Vanier College is proud to congratulate Michael Noonan for receiving this outstanding award.