

MERIT AWARD

RANDY HERRMANN, P.ENG.



Randy Herrmann, P.Eng. is Director of the very successful Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) at the University of Manitoba.

He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Geological Engineering in 1988, is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba and a member of Professional Engineers Ontario.

After graduation, Randy worked for seven years with a consulting engineering firm in Peterborough, Ontario. He then spent one year as Technical Advisor for Ogemawahj Tribal Council before becoming Project Manager with Rama First Nation in Ontario. He became the Director of ENGAP in 1998 and continues to provide part-time consulting and contract management advice through Bearpaw Corporation, Inc.

Randy is committed to raising the profile of professional engineering among aboriginal people. Under his leadership, ENGAP has an active, dedicated staff and has produced over 80 graduate engineers. This is easily the largest program of its kind in Canada. The program has about 40 to 50 students at any time and graduates three to five students each year.

Randy actively pursues many projects to advance the educational opportunities for aboriginal students including raising funds to purchase 10,000 activity books on engineering that have been distributed to communities in Manitoba, chairing the APEGM Committee on Aboriginal Professional Initiatives (APIC) and leading the organizational committee for the 2008 Dreamcatching Conference in Winnipeg. The conference attracted more than 200 delegates from Canada, the USA, New Zealand and Australia. Randy is particularly proud of his involvement with Science in a Crate – a program which takes boxes of teaching materials to aboriginal communities. The program helps teachers show that science is an integral part of aboriginal life.

In addition to his professional activities, Randy has volunteered with many organizations, including the Landmark Parent Teachers Organization, the Yellowquill College Advisory Committee, the Interprovincial Association on Native Employment (IANE), the Peguis First Nation Science and Engineering Symposium, the Science Fair of the Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre, and has coached in soccer and hockey.

Through his years of service to the Engineering Access Program and his other work on advancing awareness of science and engineering in aboriginal communities, Randy Herrmann is a worthy recipient of the APEGM 2010 Award of Merit.