Dear Co-op Employers,

It’s hard to believe that the final month of 2014 is upon us. As the Co-op Team reflects on the past year and the accomplishments of our program and students, we want to recognize our co-op employers for providing valuable learning opportunities for co-op students. In 2014, 176 organizations hired 288 Mount co-op students. It is through these partnerships, both locally and abroad, that students gain hands-on experience to better prepare them for the workplace. In fact, our recent graduate survey told us that 97% of recent co-op grads felt prepared for the workforce after completing the co-op program.

To recognize the accomplishments of co-op students during their work terms, we are accepting nominations for the Mount Co-op Student of the Year Award. Annually, one student from each co-op program receives this award. The deadline to nominate a 2014 co-op student is Friday, January 9, 2015.

The recruitment process for the Summer 2015 term is already underway. Nearly 140 co-op students will be seeking work terms. We hope that you will continue to support Mount co-op students. We are also excited to be working with our first cohort of Bachelor of Arts & Science interns who will complete paid internships this coming summer. Contact the Co-op Office to learn more about this program.

2015 has a lot in store for co-op! We will be excited to welcome you to our new Co-op Office in the spring. Visit msvu.ca/construction to see the live feed of the McCain Centre construction site.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to Mount co-op students. We look forward to working with you again in the upcoming year. Happy Holidays!

The Mount Co-op Team
Jessica and Rebecca Skinner came into the world minutes apart from one another, and last month they graduated in a similar fashion. As graduates from the Business Administration Co-operative Education program, the Skinner twins truly are a “force to be reckoned with”.

In addition to their academic success (cumulative grade point averages of 4.03 and 4.05), Jessica and Rebecca are committed to giving back to the community. Throughout their undergraduate degree, they held various leadership roles on campus while maintaining their involvement with organizations such as Feed Nova Scotia, Habitat for Humanity, Canadian Cancer Society and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

As co-op students, Jessica and Rebecca excelled. A testament to their stellar performance, was securing full time jobs with their third co-op work term employers. Jessica currently works as a full-time Junior Staff Accountant at BDO Canada, and is working towards her CPA designation. Rebecca works as a Sector Strategist at Nova Scotia Business Inc.

Last month, the dynamic duo addressed their peers and shared the podium as the Mount’s first co-vedictorians. Their speech was nothing short of inspiring. In addition to their extensive successes in and out of the classroom, Jessica and Rebecca remain humble, hardworking young women who have contributed greatly to the Mount community and beyond.

PR Student Receives Distinguished Award

Melissa Cooper received the Kappa Gamma Pi Award for demonstrating commitment to scholarship, leadership and community. Cooper created student programs in her role as a Residence Assistant and served as an advisor to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Acting as a role model and mentor, Melissa implemented programs to improve self-confidence, writing and presentation skills in young women. As a student, Melissa also expanded her horizons by traveling to Kenya on an exchange.

Co-op Grad Statistics

This year we sent out a grad survey to 2013 co-op student graduates. We heard that co-op grads are succeeding in the workplace.

- 90% said that co-op was effective in helping secure full-time employment after graduation
- 97% said that they felt prepared for the workforce after completing co-op
- 85% secured employment in their field of study within 1 year of graduation

Thank you to all of our co-op employers for helping to make their success possible.

Important Recruitment Dates for 2015

Summer (May to Aug) 2015:
Jan 7 - 1st posting deadline
Feb 2 - Ongoing postings begin
Feb 6 - First day of interviews
Feb 16 to 20 - No interviews (Study Break)

Fall (Sept to Dec) 2015:
May 6 - 1st posting deadline
June 1 - Ongoing postings begin
June 5 - First day of interviews