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April 29 – May 14, 2026

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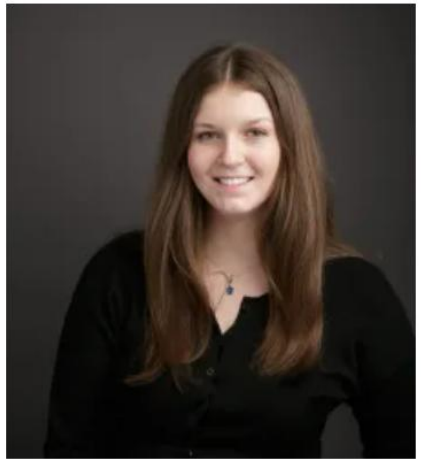

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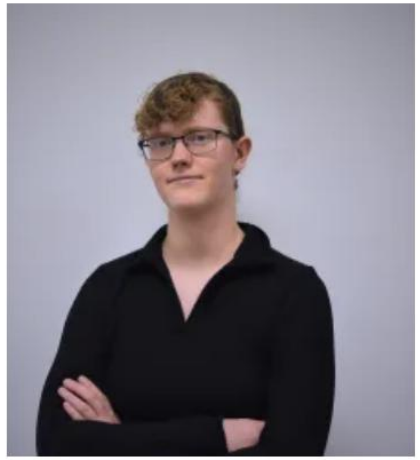

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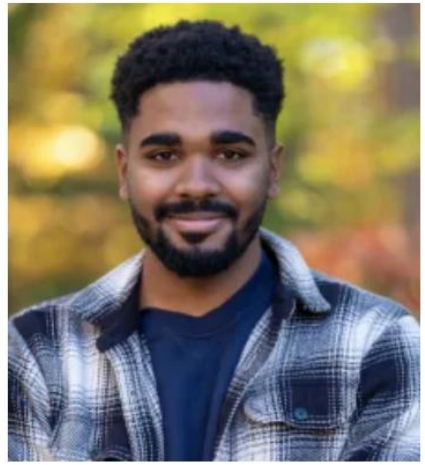

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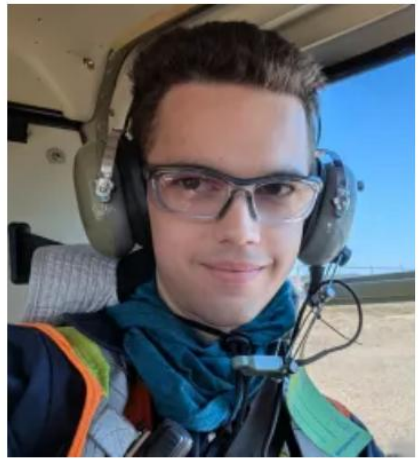

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

ARRIVAL IN SUDBURY

The 2026 cohort has landed in Sudbury!





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| ARRIVAL IN SUDBURY

Getting to know each other on the first evening





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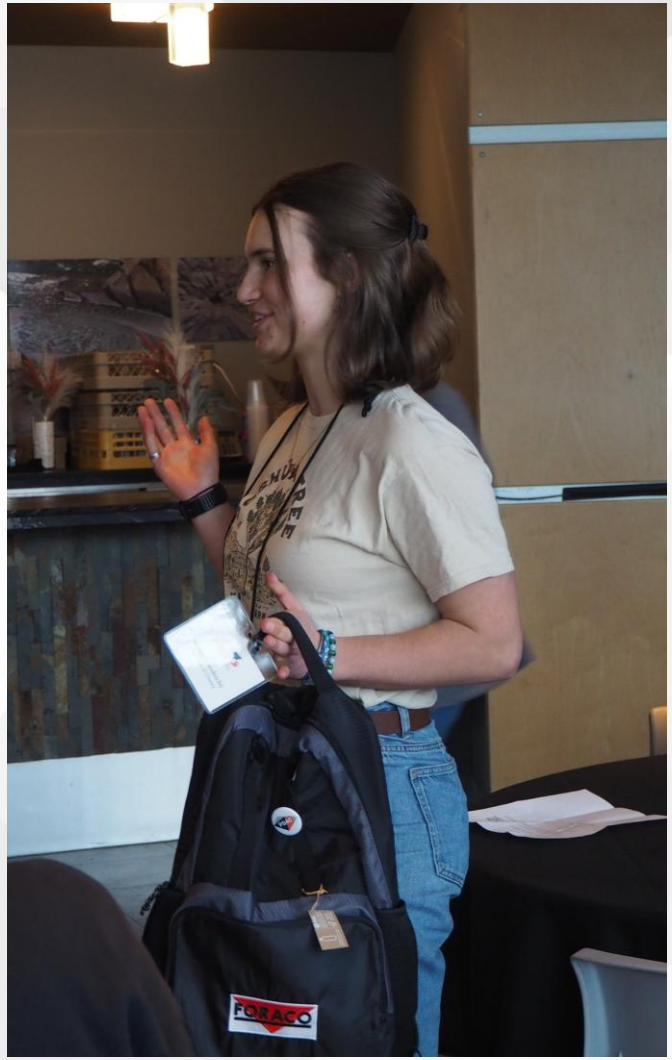

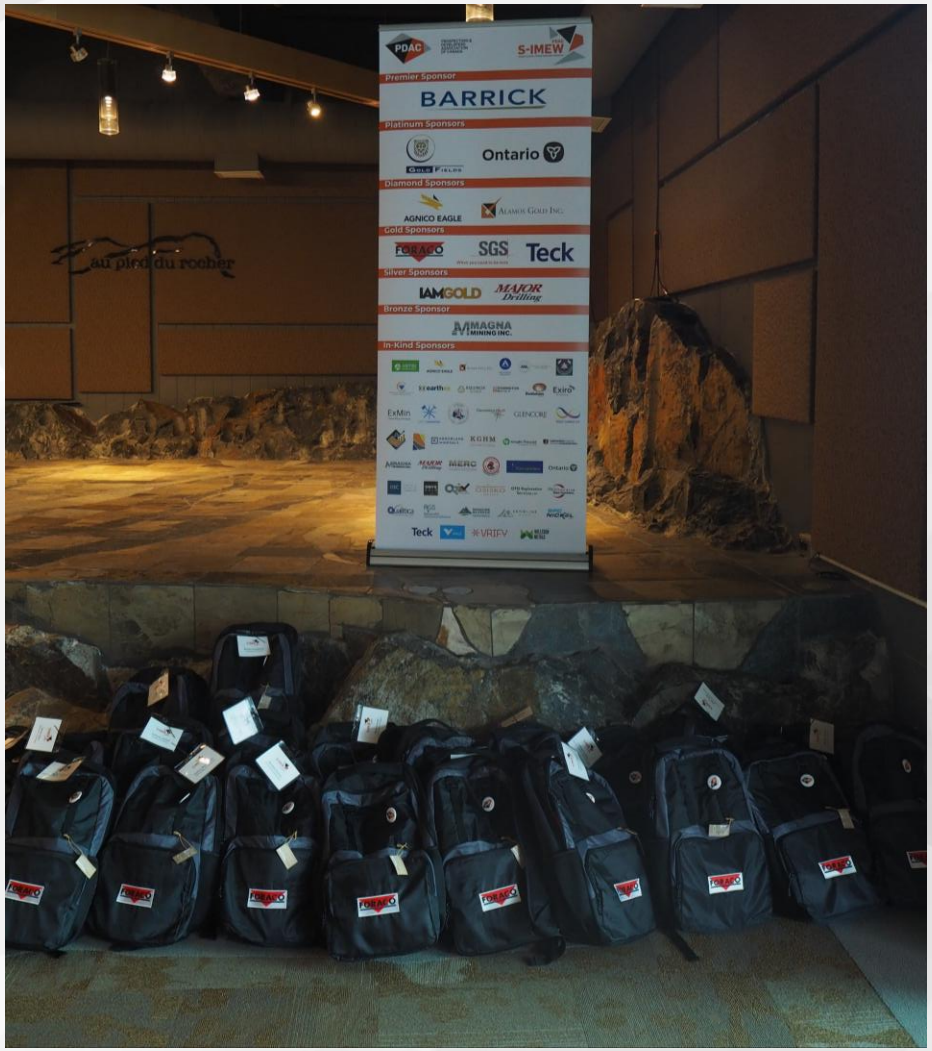



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THURSDAY, APRIL 30

| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Shirley Peloquin, Ontario Geological Survey, (OGS) preparing the students for the Sudbury Basin Tour.



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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

First stop, the famous Discovery Site!



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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Gareth King (Vancouver Island University) and Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) eyeing sulphides at the Discovery Site.





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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Brad Clarke (KGHM) and Grant Mourre (SPC Nickel Corp) discussing the Chelmsford Fm. with the students.





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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Jaime Burns (St. Francis Xavier University) taking a closer look at the Chelmsford Fm. turbidites (Bouma sequence)



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Isaiah Mihailoff (Dalhousie University) inspecting the Levack Gneiss.



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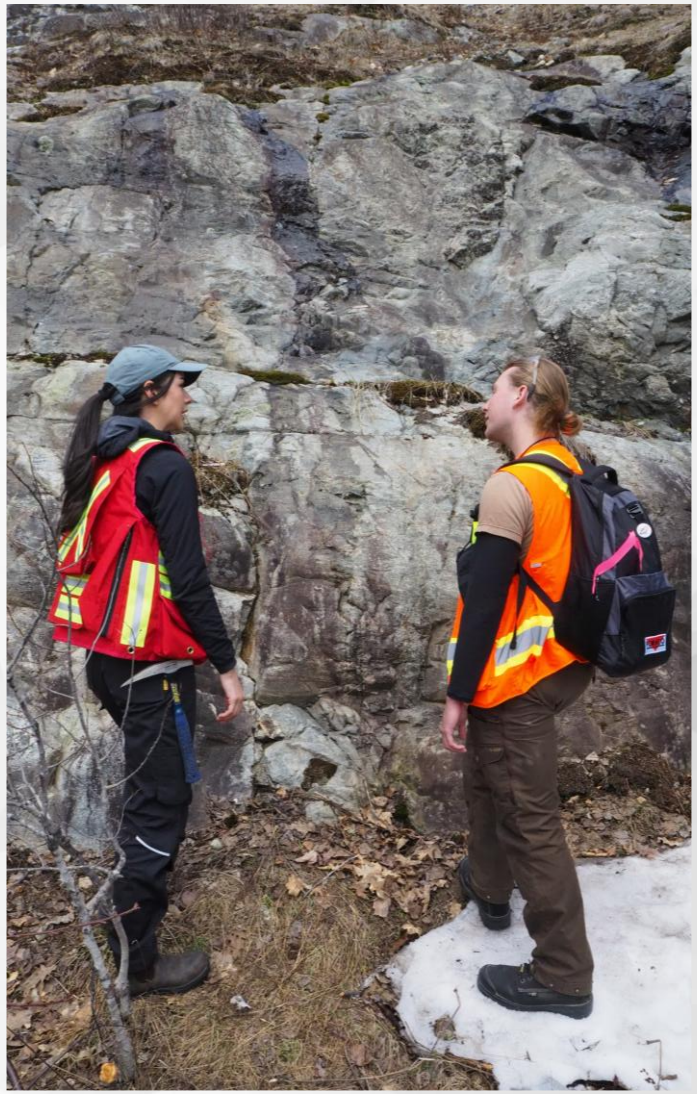



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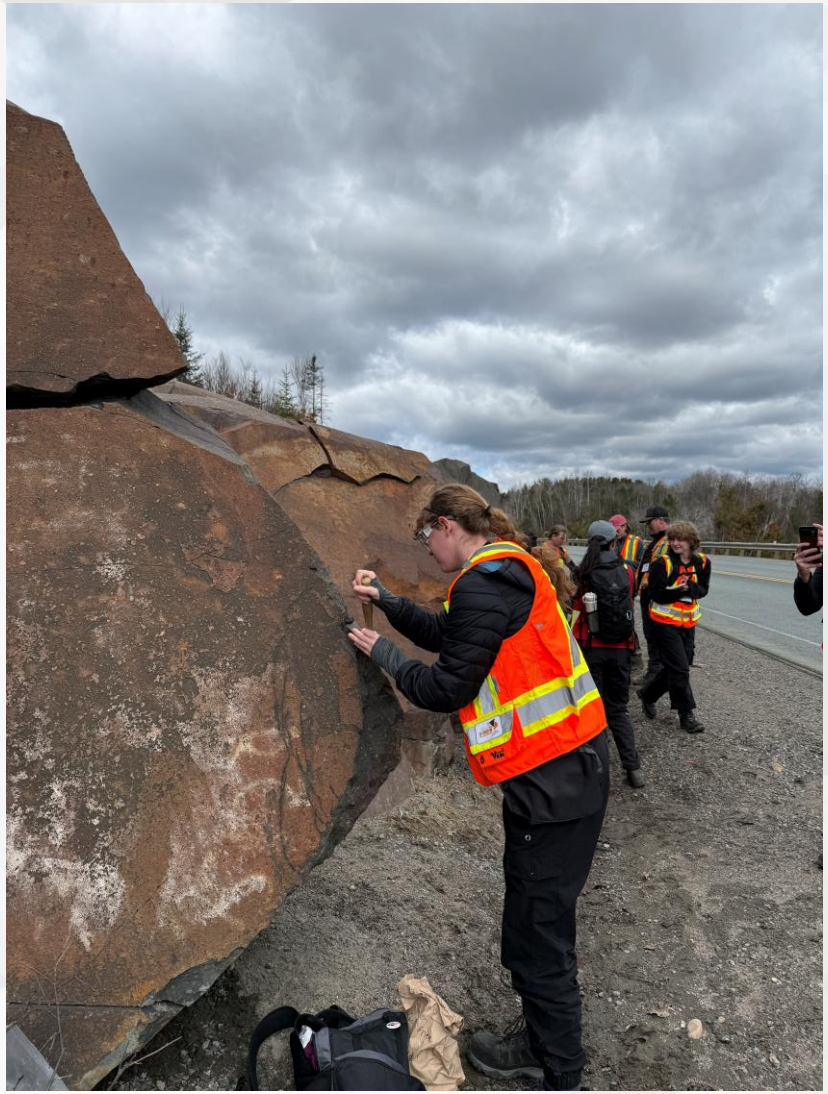
Heather Tocher (University of Victoria) and Olivier Turcotte (Universite du Quebec a Chicoutimi) collecting samples of the fall-back breccia.





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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Lunch with a view at Onaping's High Falls.



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| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Isaiah Mihailoff (Dalhousie University) and Claudia Foggett (Western University) enjoying the first shatter cones of the Workshop!





THURSDAY, APRIL 30

| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Roxana Gorodnichy (University of Ottawa) and Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) collecting sulphides at Vale's Copper Cliff Offset Dyke.





THURSDAY, APRIL 30

| SUDBURY BASIN & NETWORKING

Ashley Kirwan (Orix Geoscience) setting the foundation for two weeks of networking!



FRIDAY, MAY 1

| REGIONAL MAPPING

Ready for a snowy day of regional mapping with the OGS Precambrian Geoscientists!



FRIDAY, MAY 1

| REGIONAL MAPPING

Jeremy Rose (University of Toronto) Calliope Lochrie (University of British Columbia, Okanagan), Maya Lecuyer (University of Calgary) and Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) are all smiles in the snow!



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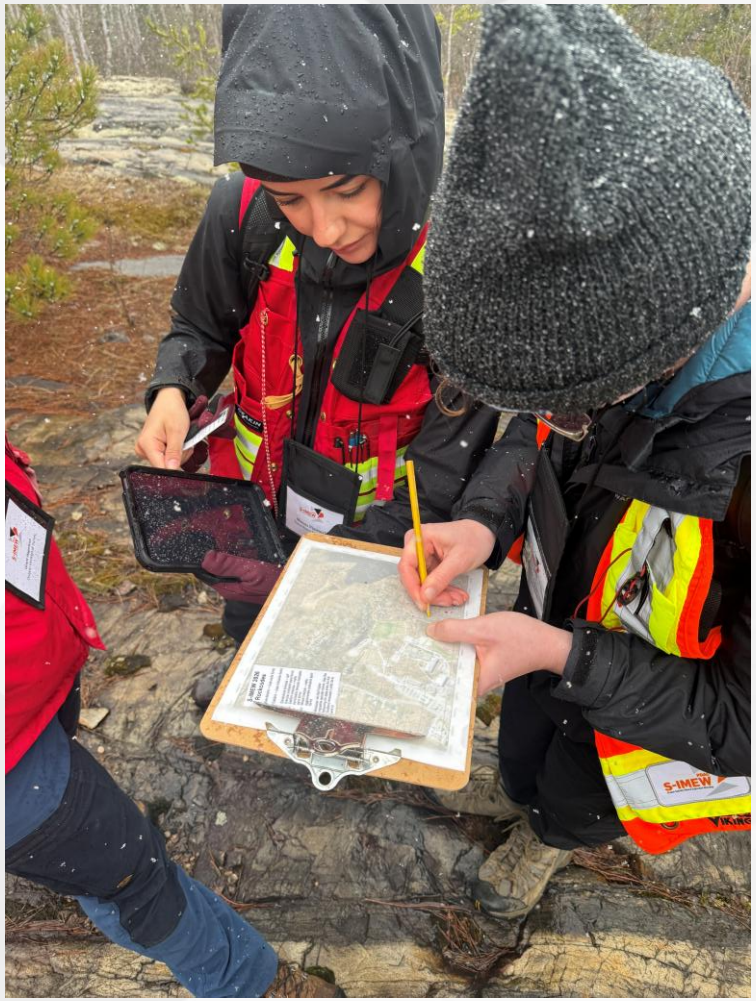
FRIDAY, MAY 1

| REGIONAL MAPPING

Marissa Pimentel (Simon Fraser University), Heather Tocher (University of Victoria), Jaeden Reggler (Barrick Mining Corp), Jaime Burns (St. Francis Xavier University) and Garis Barot (Universite Laval) learning regional mapping techniques.





FRIDAY, MAY 1

| REGIONAL MAPPING

Team Red working on their map with Xiaohui Zhou (OGS)



FRIDAY, MAY 1

| REGIONAL MAPPING

A big thank you to the OGS for a great day!



FRIDAY, MAY 1

| WELCOME RECEPTION

At Dynamic Earth’s Big Nickel for the S-IMEW Welcome Reception.



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FRIDAY, MAY 1

| WELCOME RECEPTION

Networking with local industry.





FRIDAY, MAY 1

| WELCOME RECEPTION

Scott Berdahl (Snowline Gold Corp.) sharing his experiences in the Keynote Presentation.



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SATURDAY, MAY 2

| EXPLORATION INDUSTRY: KEY DRIVERS

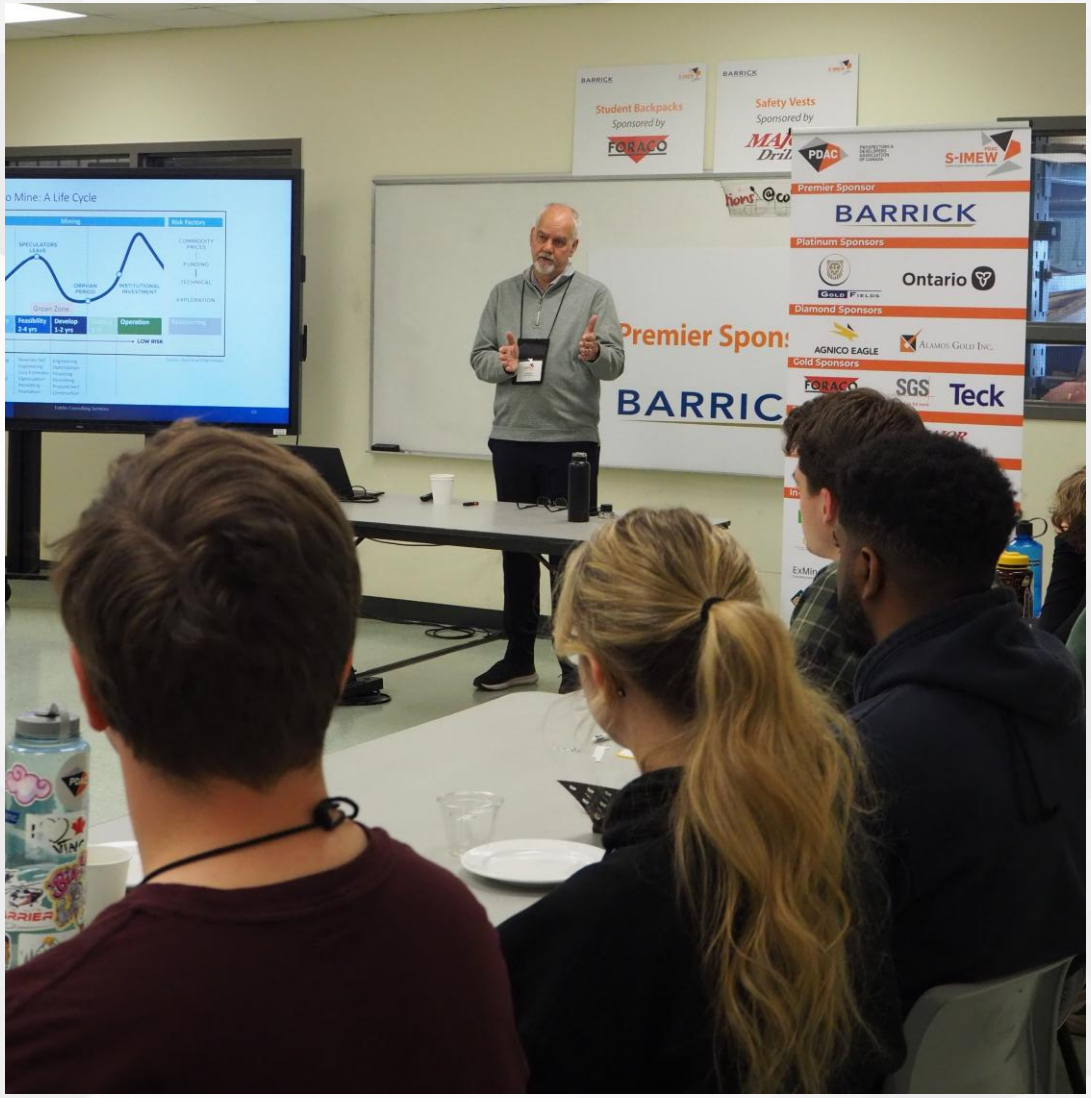
Lisa McDonald (PDAC) kicking off Key Drivers Day in the classroom.



SATURDAY, MAY 2

EXPLORATION INDUSTRY: KEY DRIVERS

Thinking outside of the rocks with Ken Leigh (ExMin Consulting) and learning about economic concepts to economic mines.





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| EXPLORATION INDUSTRY: KEY DRIVERS

Joshua Bailey (Agnico Eagle) presenting on property agreements.



SATURDAY, MAY 2

| EXPLORATION INDUSTRY: KEY DRIVERS

Nick Joyce (Hudbay Minerals, S-IMEW 2013) presenting on Capital Markets followed by Brad Simser (Glencore) discussing Mining Methods.





SATURDAY, MAY 2

| EXPLORATION INDUSTRY: KEY DRIVERS

Taylor Haid (VRIFY, S-IMEW 2013) rounding out Key Drivers day with reflections on his career from S-IMEW 2013 to present.



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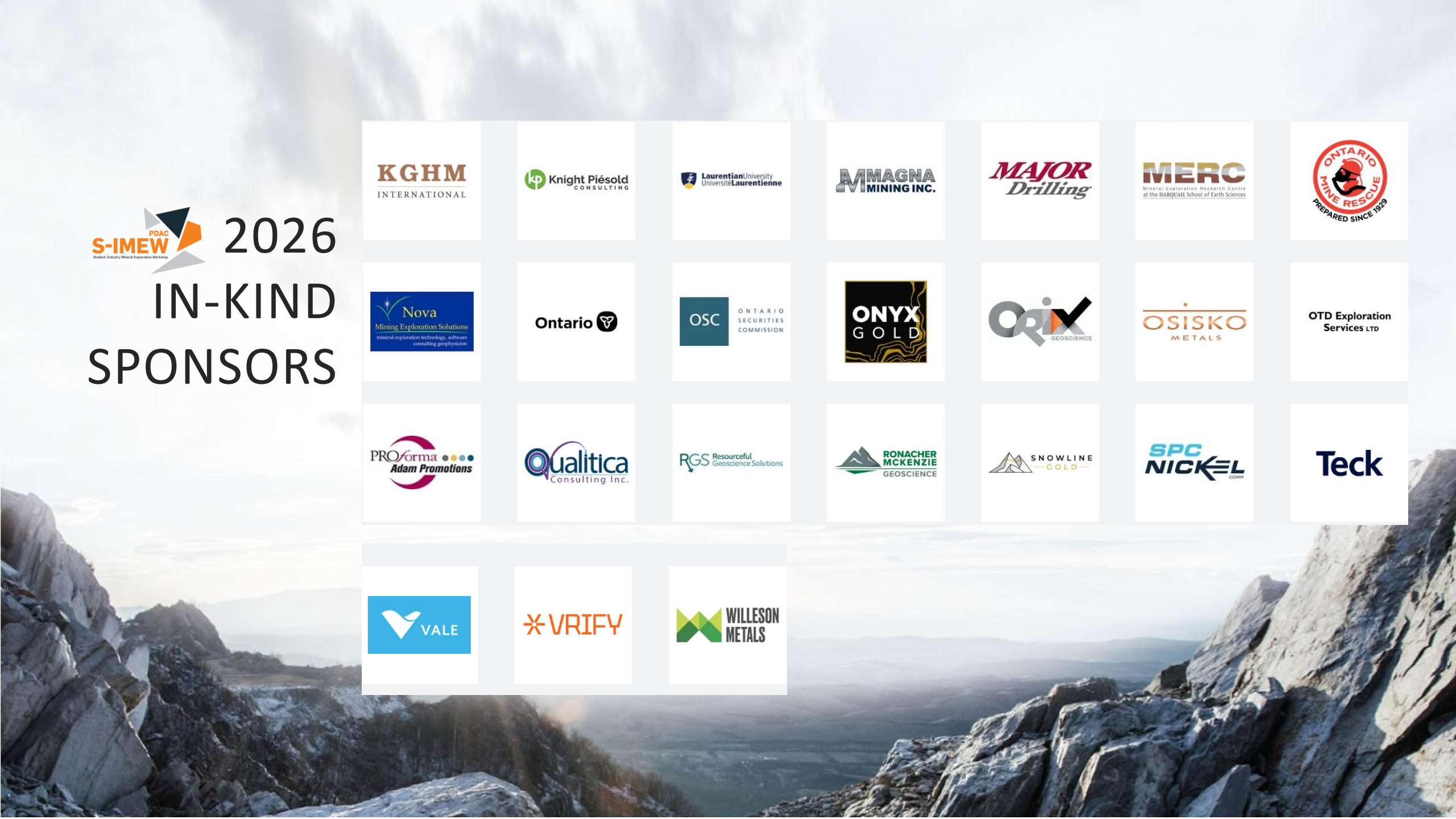

SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Ian Trinder setting the stage for a day of exploration mapping.





SUNDAY, MAY 3

EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

A beautiful day to learn exploration mapping techniques, at the Parkin offset dyke.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Claudia Foggett (Western University) adding structural measurements to her map.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Alex Denison (University of Waterloo) drawing lithological contacts on his outcrop map.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Gareth King (Vancouver Island University), Elise Delaney (Lakehead University) and Chloe Oxner (Saint Mary's University) adding data to their outcrop maps.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Philippe Paquet (Gold Fields) and Roxana Gorodnichy (University of Ottawa) with team lead Joy Carter, (S-IMEW 2019 & Snowline Gold) discussing interpretations.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Ben Linton (Queen's University) looking at the sulphide-rich dyke at the Parkin Property outcrop.



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| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Isaiah Mihailoff (Dalhousie University) getting the grid number to add to his outcrop map.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

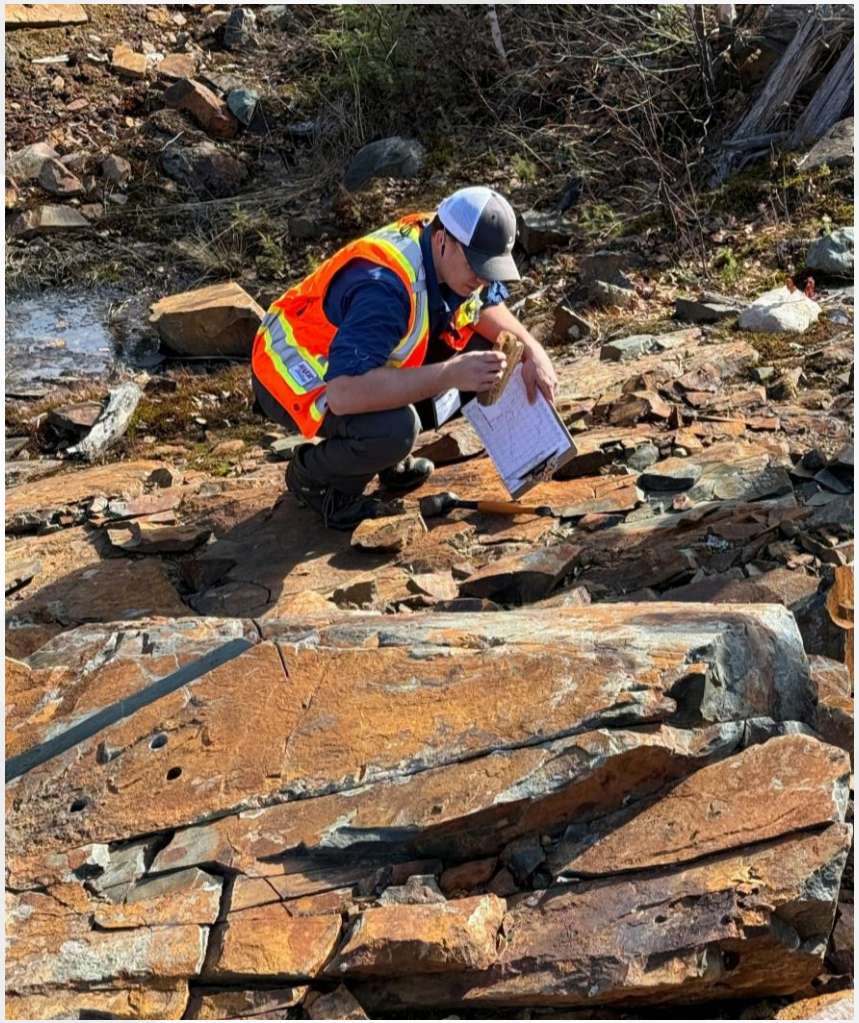
Calliope Lochrie (University of British Columbia, Okanagan), Ashley Green (Memorial University of Newfoundland) and Olivier Turcotte (Université du Quebec a Chicoutimi) with team lead Cam Green (S-IMEW 2014 & Evolution Mining) sampling the host rock to determine the lithology.



SUNDAY, MAY 3

| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Jaeden Reggler (Barrick Mining Corp) determining rock types and looking for a lithological contact.



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| EXPLORATION MAPPING DAY

Marissa Pimentel (Simon Fraser University) looking at sulphide minerals.



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MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

Angele Poitras (AP Consulting) starts Professional Responsibility day discussing the implications of remote work on mental health.



MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

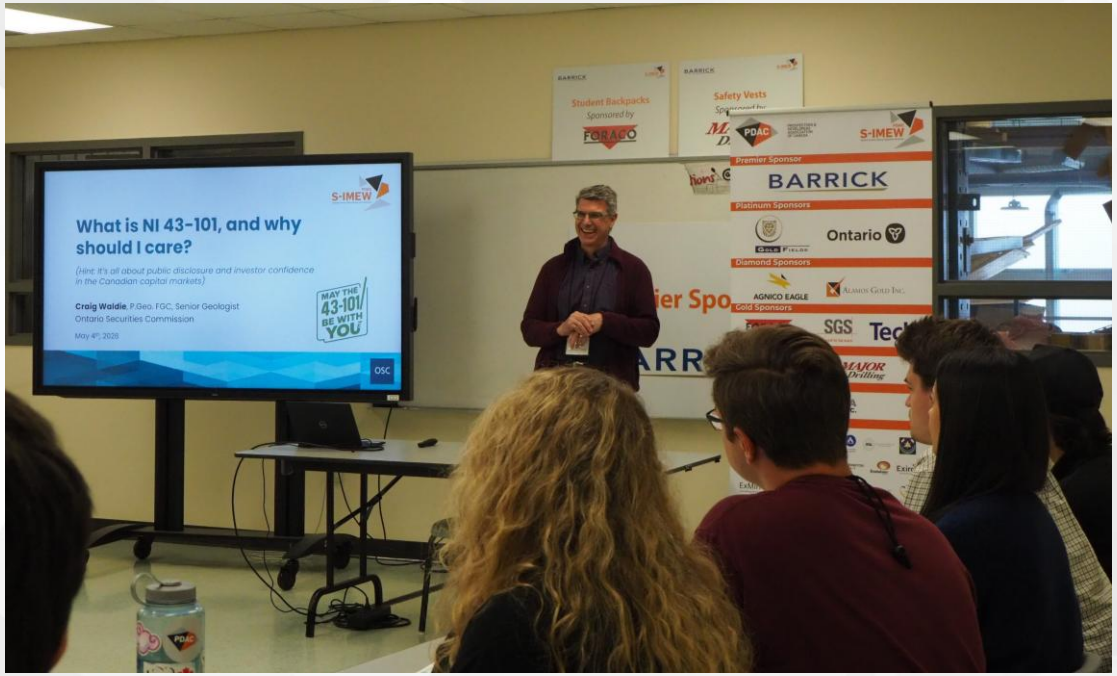
Andrea Waldie covers professional responsibility.



MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

Craig Waldie (Ontario Securities Commission) explains NI 43-101 and why you should care.



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| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

John Stringer (Major Drilling) discusses how geologists and drillers work together.



MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

Amanda Baker and Jessica Prince (Agnico Eagle) presenting on Core Today, Data forever.



MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

Shaun O'Connor (Hornfels Consulting) demonstrating Applications of AI in Geology.



MONDAY, MAY 4

| PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY DAY

Chris Beckett-Brown (OGS & S-IMEW 2015) sharing his S-IMEW Alumni Reflections.





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TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Zailynne Durant (Acadian University) observing real time EM data.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Alex Denison (University of Waterloo) and Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) carrying the EM tripod.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Maya Lecuyer (University of Calgary) and Elise Delaney (Lakehead University) setting up an EM tripod.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Team working to level the EM tripod.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Marissa Pimentel (Simon Fraser University) laying out the EM loop wire.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) inserting the IP electrode.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Richard Smith (Laurentian University) explaining Potential Fields.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

David Chau (Earth Ex Geophysical Solutions) expanding on EM.



TUESDAY, MAY 5

| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Student groups combining all the information learned on Geophysics Day to complete a targeting exercise.





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| GEOPHYSICS DAY

Pam Coles (Abitibi Geophysics) ending the evening with an engaging presentation about her career journey.



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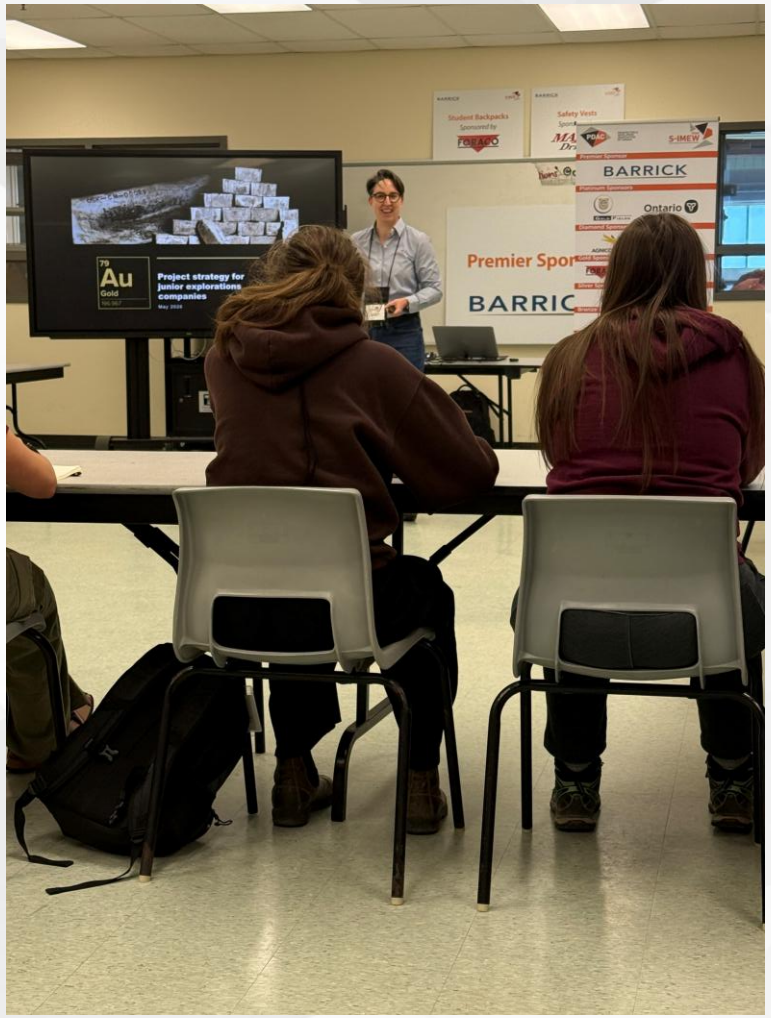
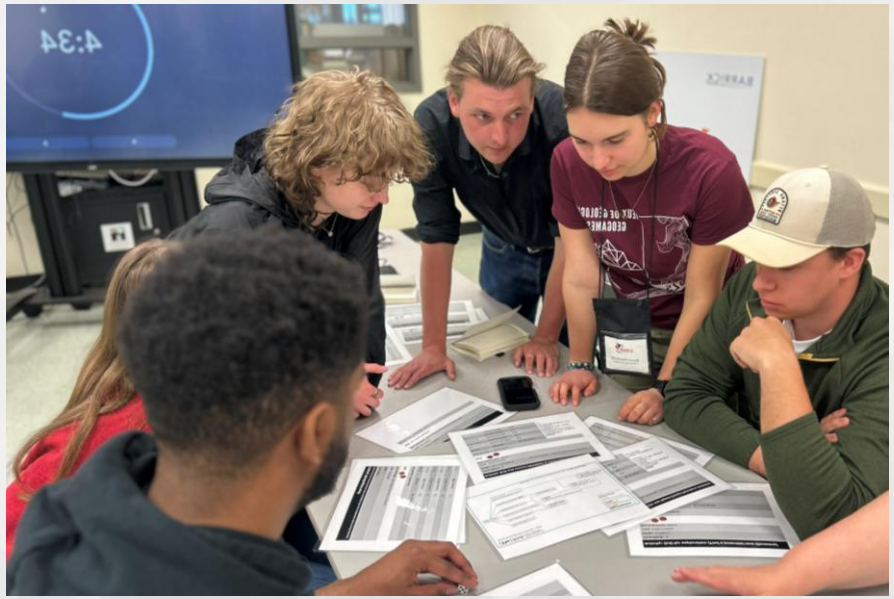
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

| RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION DAY

Alexandria Marcotte (Osisko Metals) leading a thought-provoking activity teaching students to de-risk an exploration project.







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| RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION DAY

Alexandria Marcotte (Osisko Metals) leading a great activity on de-risking an exploration project.





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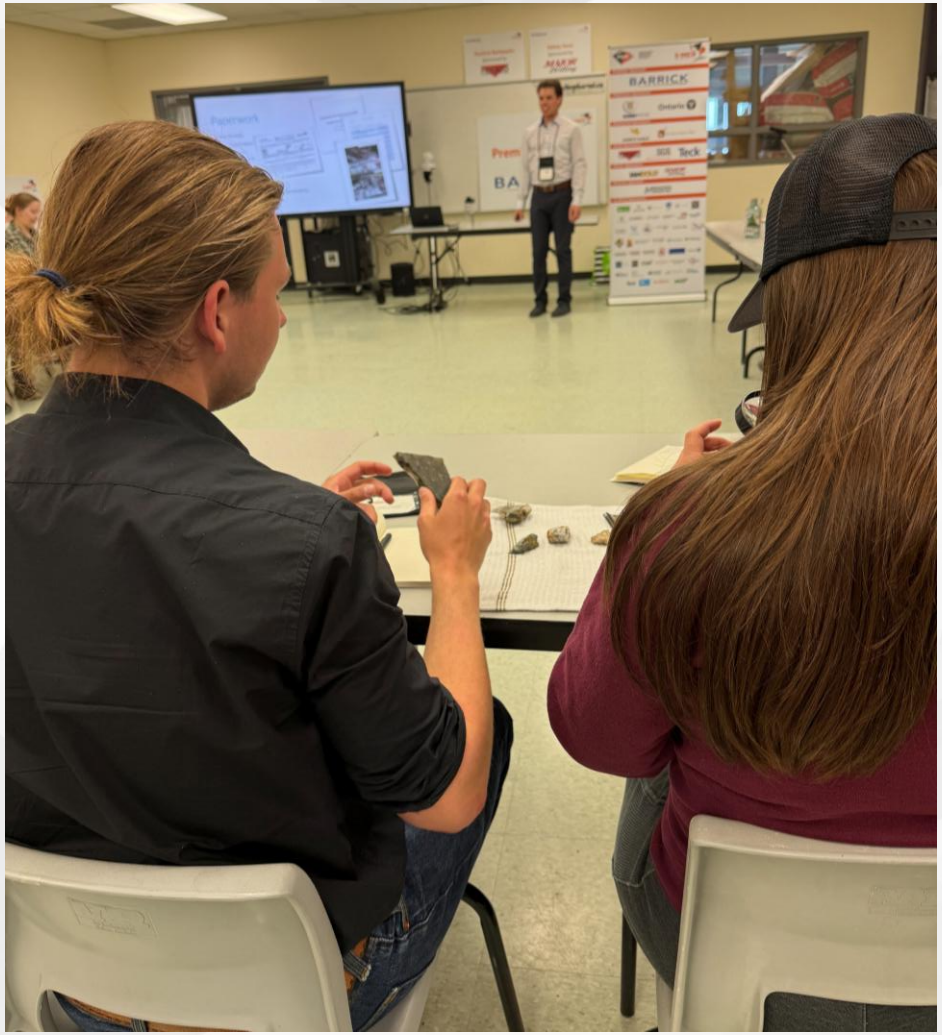
| RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION DAY

Chris Lytwyn (CGW Mineral Resources) sharing his experience prospecting and Carla Petahtegoose presenting on the importance of community engagement in exploration.





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| RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION DAY

Bill McGuinty (OTD Exploration) leading a discussion on ESG in exploration.



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| RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION DAY

Amber Blackwell (Knight Piésold Consulting) presenting on environmental assessments throughout the mining cycle.



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THURSDAY, MAY 7

FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Jeremy Rose (University of Toronto), Isaiah Mihailoff (Dalhousie University) and Chloe Oxner (Saint Mary's University) collecting samples at the Temagami BIF.





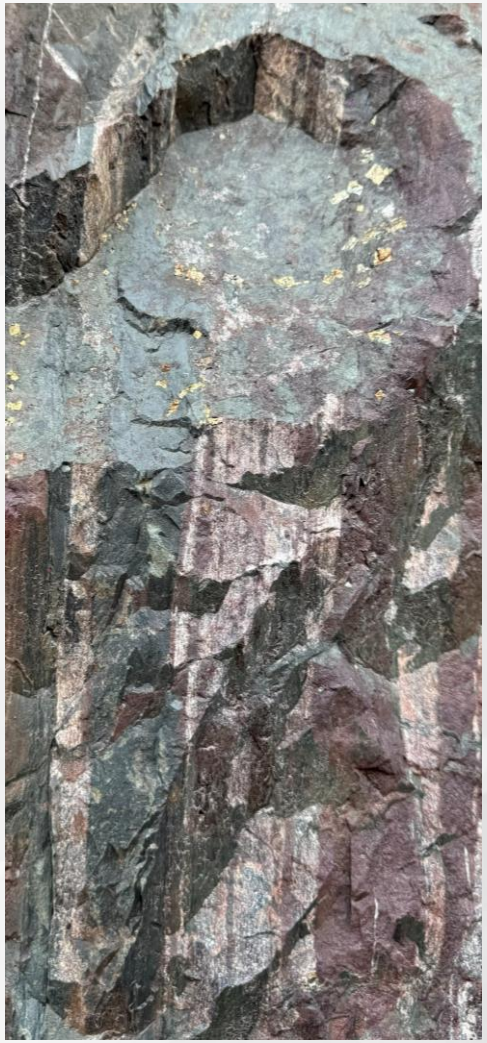


THURSDAY, MAY 7

| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Heather Tocher (University of Victoria) and Claudia Foggett (Western University) exploring the BIF.







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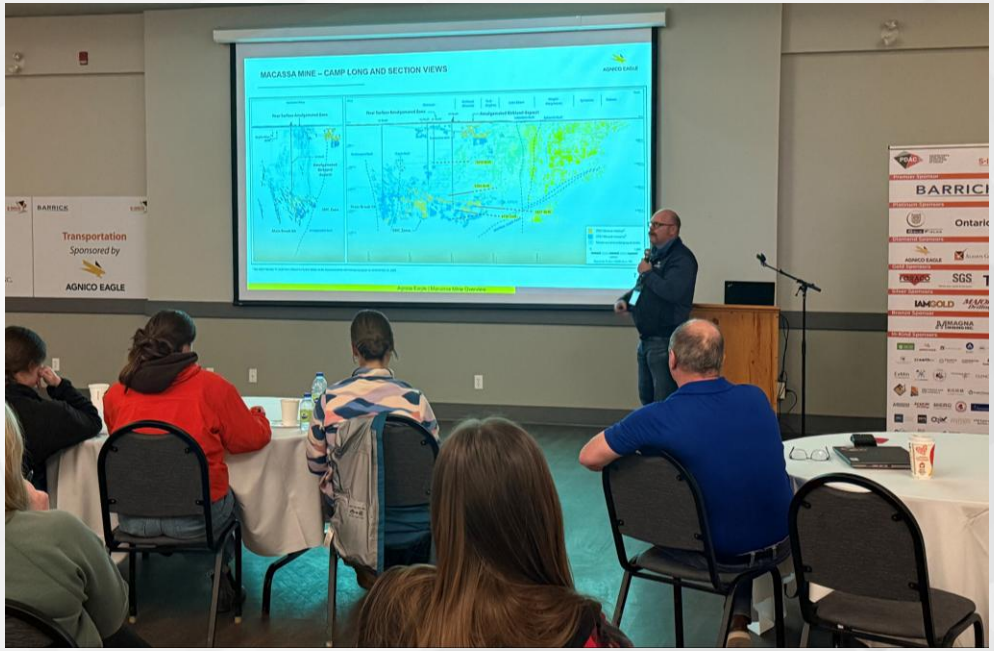
FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

James Suma-Momoh (OGS) providing an overview of Kirkland Lake Geology and Chris Evans (Agnico Eagle) & Niels Hendrikx (Alamos Gold) explaining the geology of the Macassa Mine and Young-Davidson mines ahead of the underground mine tours!







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| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Students networking with Kirkland Lake industry at our Industry Mixer.





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Students networking with Kirkland Lake industry at the KL Industry Mixer.





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FRIDAY, MAY 8

| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Ready to head underground at Alamos Gold’s Young-Davidson Mine!





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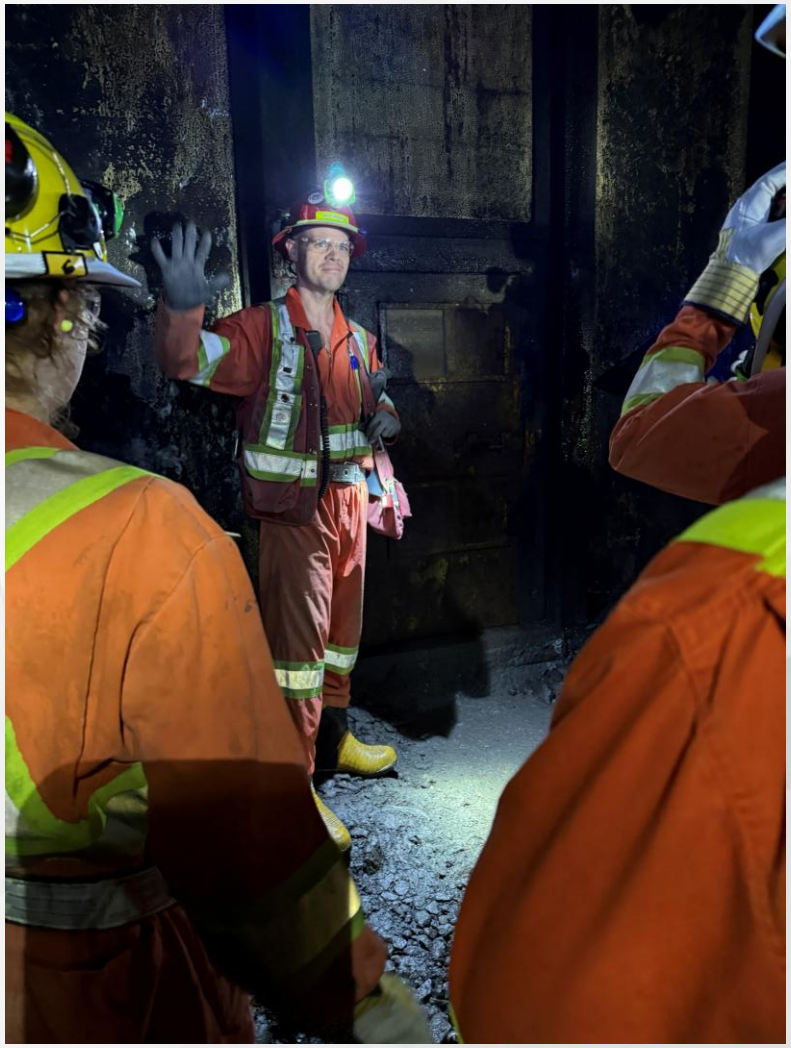
| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Collecting samples from 1km below surface.







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| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE



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SATURDAY, MAY 9

| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Kirkland Lake Regional Geology Tour with James Suma-Momoh (OGS) at the Gowganda Formation conglomerates.



SATURDAY, MAY 9

| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Marissa Pimentel (Simon Fraser University) and Alex Denison (University of Waterloo) looking at pyrite-bearing trachyte.





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| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Quintanna Seve (University of Saskatchewan), Olivier Turcotte (Universite du Quebec a Chicoutimi), Alex Denison (University of Waterloo) and Gareth King (Vancouver Island University) viewing Timiskaming conglomerates.





SATURDAY, MAY 9

| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Jaeden Reggler (Barrick Mining Corp) asking James Suma-Momoh (OGS) about the Tisdale Assemblage iron-rich tholeiitic basalts.





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FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Outcrop of syenite from the Otto Stock.





Larder Lake-Cadillac Deformation



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Visiting Gold Candle Ltd. at the historic Kerr-Addison Mine site.





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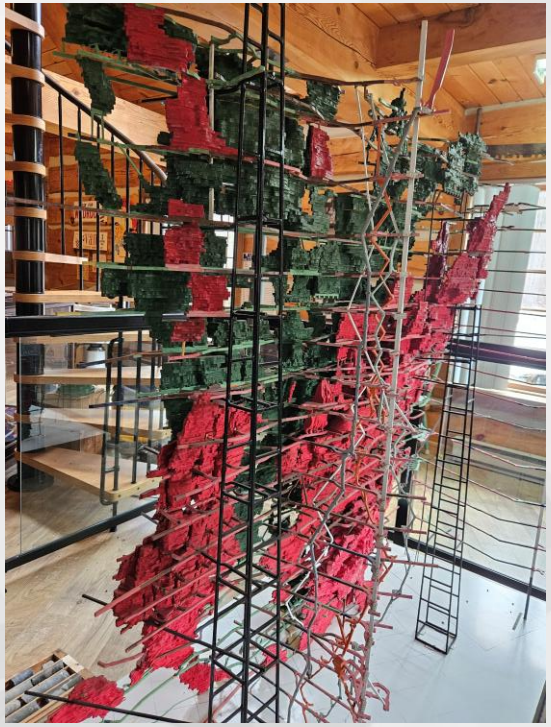
Thanks to the Gold Candle Ltd. team for a great morning reviewing core and a drill visit on our way out of Kirkland Lake!





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| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Next Stop: Cobalt! Group photo at the Nipissing Hill Lookout.



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| FIELD TRIP: KIRKLAND LAKE

Gowganda Coleman member conglomerate.





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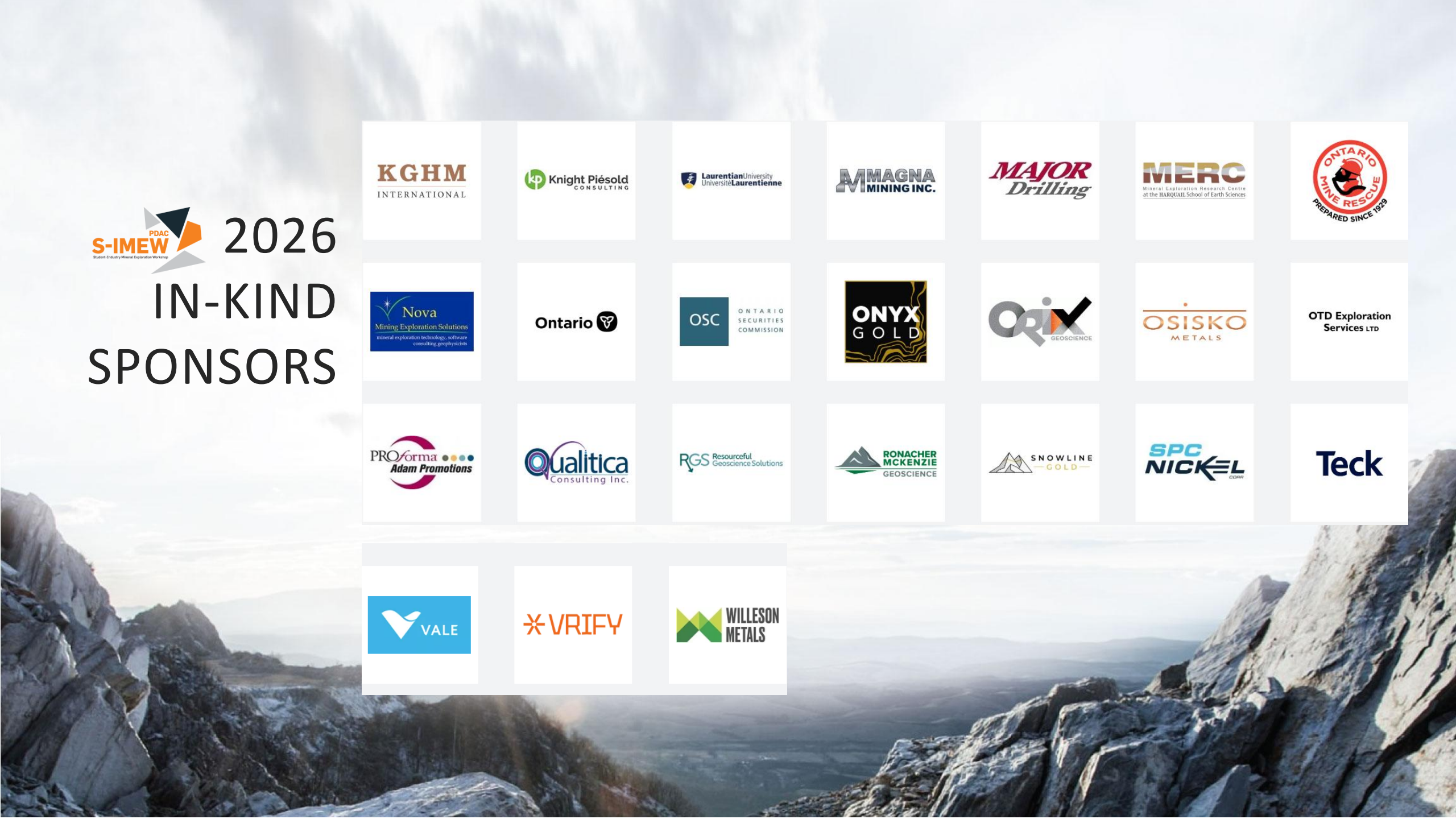
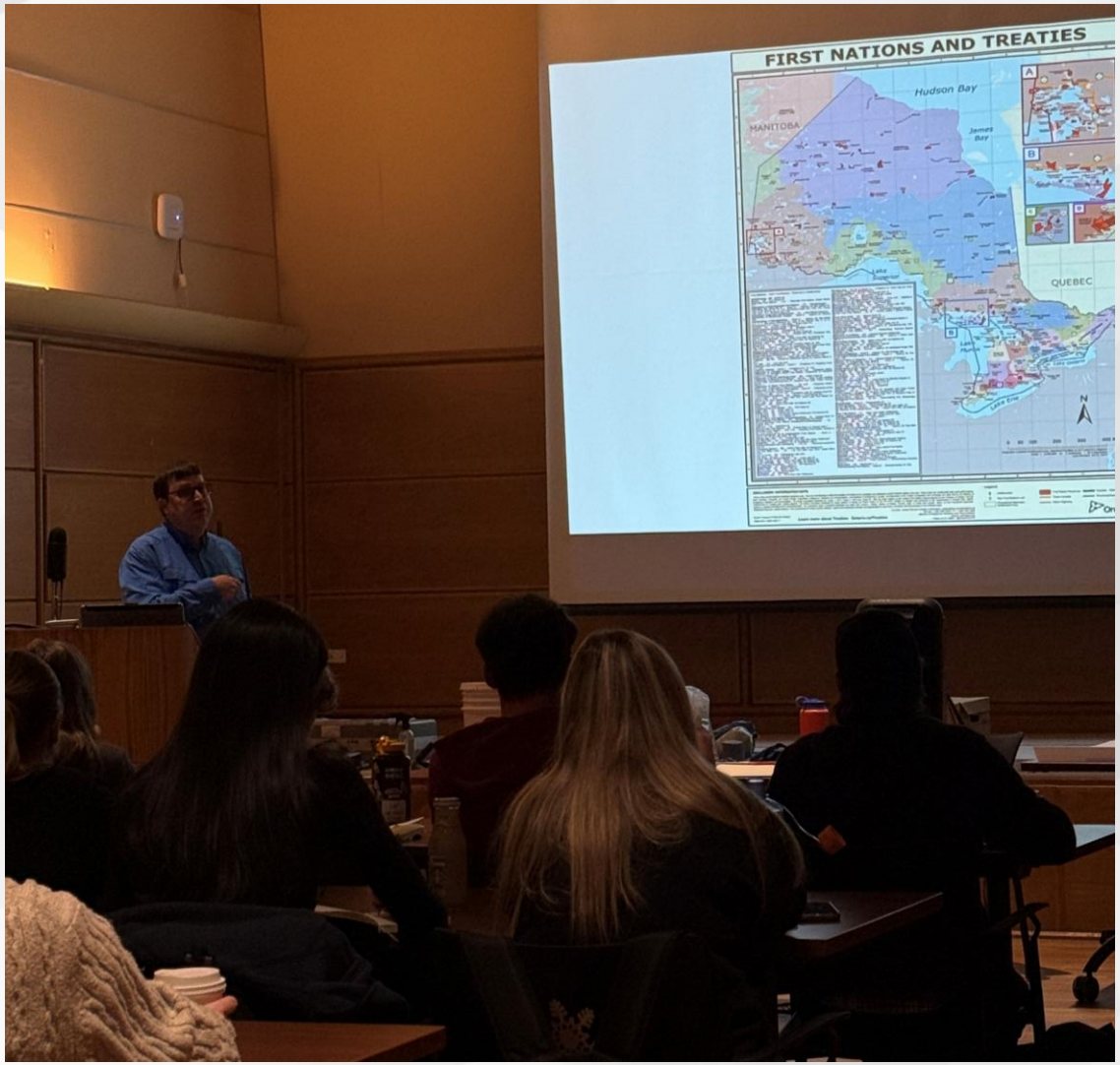


MONDAY, MAY 11

| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

Mathieu Levesque (OGS) highlighting the importance of Indigenous Relations in exploration to kick off Geochemistry Day.



MONDAY, MAY 11

| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

Chris Beckett-Brown (OGS and S-IMEW 2015 Alumni) setting the students up for success in the Exploration Game by explaining lake and stream sediments and soil sampling.



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| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

Grant Hagedorn (OGS and S-IMEW 2016 Alumni) explaining till sampling and interpretation.



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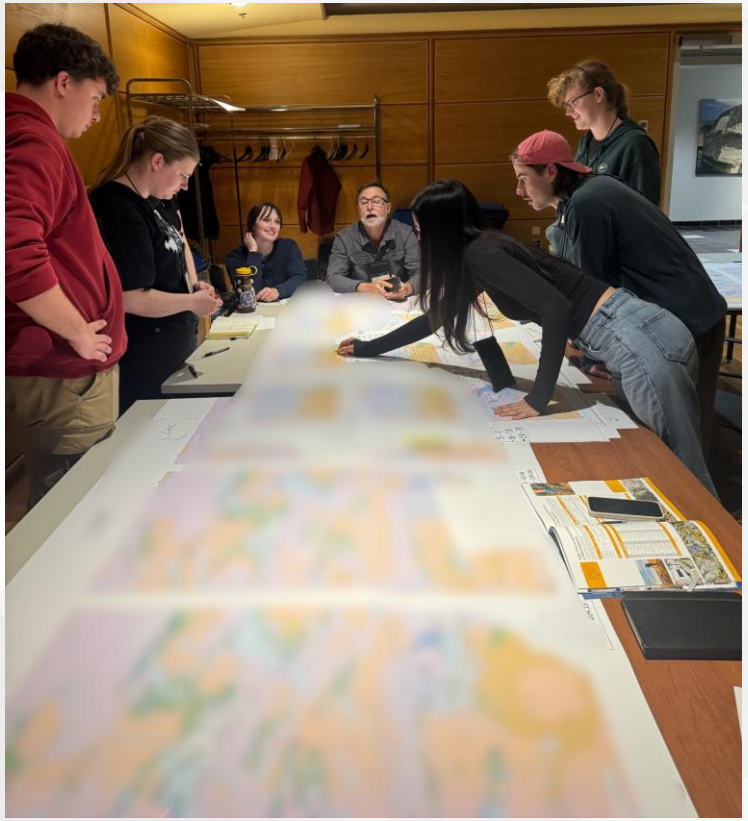
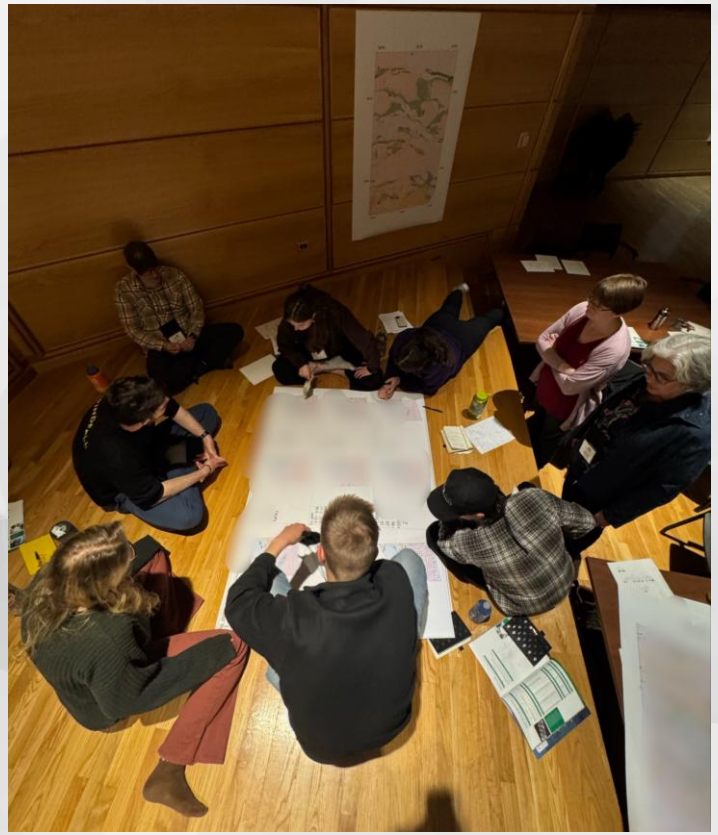
| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

2026 student groups getting competitive during the Exploration Targeting Game.





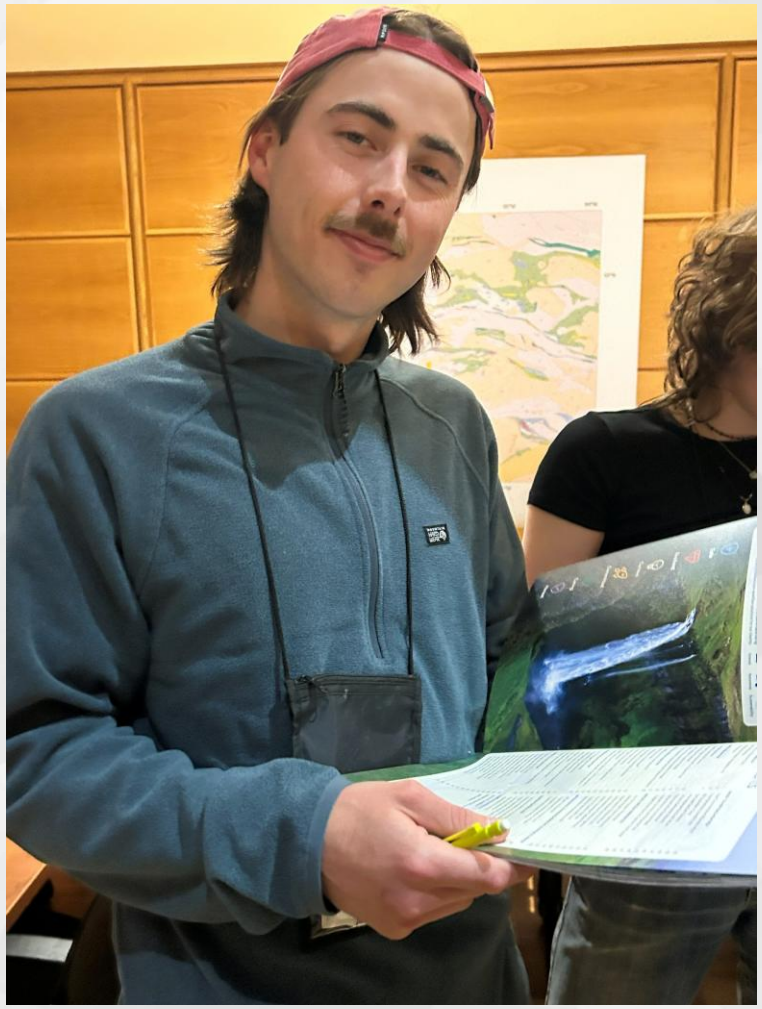


MONDAY, MAY 11

| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

Gareth King (Vancouver Island University browsing the ALS Fee Schedule during the Exploration Game!





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| GEOCHEMISTRY DAY

Networking at the Geochemistry dinner and rounding out the day with a career presentation from Lynda Bloom (ASL).





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TUESDAY, MAY 12

| ERRINGTON METALS DAY

Frank Santaguida (Errington Metals) guiding the cohort through the lay of the land of the Errington Exploration Property.





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| ERRINGTON METALS DAY

Roxana Gorodnichy (University of Ottawa) and Matthew Friesen (University of Manitoba) taking a closer look at the Errington Property outcrop while Taryn Marshall (Laurentian University) hammers a sample from the waste pile.







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Locked in during the core logging exercise at Errington Metals.







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Conor McKinley (Onyx Gold Corp. and S-IMEW 2010 Alumni) giving the Workshop's last S-IMEW Alumni Reflections.





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Students packing their rock boxes with ALL of their samples from the Workshop!







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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

| QA/QC, RESOURCE MODELLING & INTERPRETATION OF DATA DAY

Shastri Ramnath (Exiro Minerals Corp.) and Sydney Ramnath (Exiro Minerals Corp.) leading the students through a data interpretation exercise.







WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

| QA/QC, RESOURCE MODELLING & INTERPRETATION OF DATA DAY

Elisabeth Ronacher (RMG) presenting on Resource and 3D Modelling.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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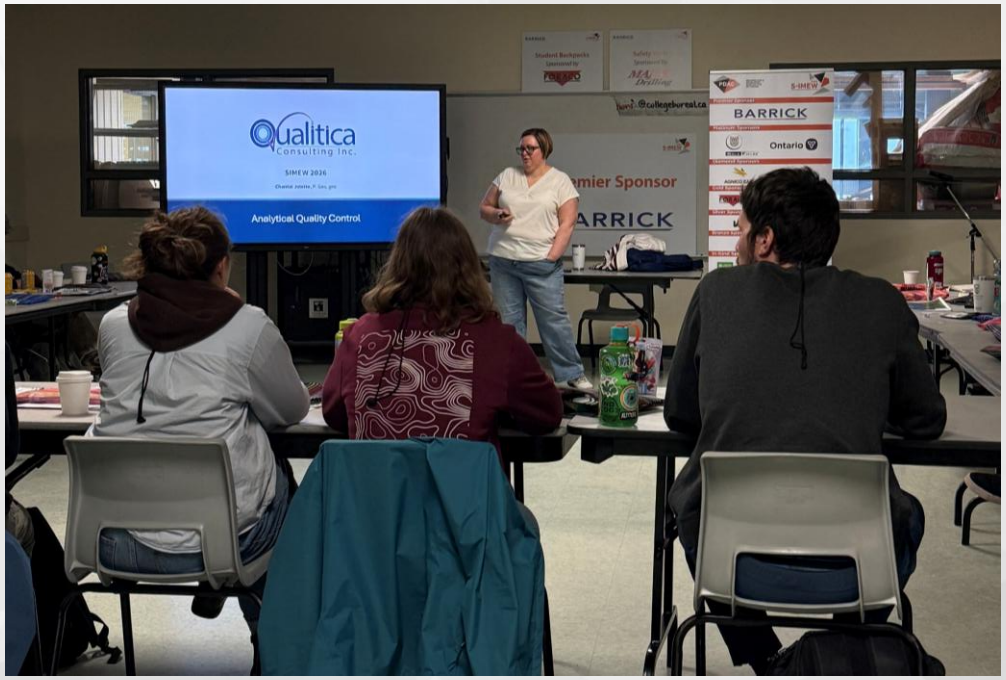
Chantal Jolette (Qualitica Consulting Inc.) closing out the last classroom day with a presentation on QA/QC.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

| FINALE

