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Women Leaders of Tomorrow Celebrates Success of Afghan Women Scholars in British Columbia, Canada



Vancouver, 8 July 2023 - Women Leaders of Tomorrow (WLOT), Canada, is thrilled to announce the remarkable achievements of our 13 Afghan women scholars who have successfully completed their first full year in British Columbia, Canada. These courageous individuals were denied the right to education due to their gender, but through the support of WLOT, they have embarked on a transformative journey toward a brighter future.

The 13 female students (16 years and above age group) represent a beacon of hope for Afghan women whose educational opportunities have been unjustly suppressed. Among them, 10 scholars have been granted full-ride scholarships to pursue studies in geology and mining engineering, while the remaining three have been enrolled in high school for grades 11 and 12 at Crofton House School and the Shawnigan Lake School.



The journey to secure these opportunities was made possible through the collective efforts of Women Leaders of Tomorrow. WLOT engaged in extensive fundraising initiatives, successfully securing half of the required funds for the UBC cohort. Furthermore, an incredibly generous anonymous donor contributed the remaining amount, demonstrating their commitment to empowering Afghan women and girls through education.

Advocacy played a pivotal role in overcoming the significant challenges faced by these women. WLOT tirelessly championed their cause, shedding light on the oppressive policies imposed by the Taliban that banned education for women and girls in Afghanistan beyond grade six. By raising awareness and mobilizing resources, WLOT has provided these 13 courageous scholars with a chance to reclaim their right to education.

The successful completion of the first semester marks a significant milestone in the educational journey of these Afghan women scholars. Their determination, resilience, and unwavering commitment to their studies are truly commendable. WLOT celebrates their achievements and looks forward to supporting them throughout their academic endeavours, empowering them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Dr. Shashi Goel, Board member and Director said "Education is a basic right for all human beings to get the opportunity to develop themselves. So Afghan Girls and Women are not different than other girls and women. They are human and deserve to be treated equally".

About Women Leaders of Tomorrow: Women Leaders of Tomorrow (WLOT, Canada, is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering women and girls worldwide through education, leadership development, and advocacy. WLOT believes that education is the key to breaking the cycle of inequality and empowering women to become influential leaders in their communities. By providing scholarships, mentorship programs, and advocating for gender equality, WLOT strives to create a world where every woman has equal access to education and opportunities.

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