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Foundation

Creating Opportunities for Kids in Science, Technology & Mathematics

MITCHELL ODYSSEY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES CAREER DISCOVERY

D-Wave Systems helps create opportunities for student exploration!

With the “science buzz” resonating in Odyssey Schools, the Mitchell Odyssey Foundation sparks student interest and generates enthusiasm for discovering science and technology. On April 2, with the help of D-Wave Systems, the Foundation is launching its **Career Discovery** Initiative in the Lower Mainland.

A group of Odyssey Students from North Delta Secondary School will visit D-Wave Systems in Burnaby to explore first-hand what a career in the hi-tech world of computer science might look like. D-Wave Systems is the world's first and only source of quantum computing for commercial applications. Their scientific team is developing significant advancements in computer science, with many potential benefits in business and science. Students will have the opportunity to watch these scientists at work and learn about the career paths that brought them to this exciting organization.

“**Career Discovery** is a Mitchell Odyssey Foundation initiative that provides Odyssey students with the opportunity to visit technology-based companies, key research organizations and post-secondary institutes,” explained Cheryl Kristiansen, the Foundation’s Managing Director. “These visits are designed to educate and inspire students in various scientific and technical fields, ultimately resulting in better-informed educational and career choices.”

The Foundation pays the travel costs connected with these visits and hopes that other technology-based companies in B.C. will recognize the benefit of participating in the **Career Discovery** Initiative to encourage and motivate future scientists, engineers and innovators.

“Technological innovation is the keystone to future economic success,” noted Herb Martin, CEO of D-Wave Systems. “The alarming decline in enrollment in science and technology courses should be a concern for us all,” he continued. “We are delighted to play a part in stimulating interest through the Mitchell Odyssey initiative and look forward to hosting our first visit to D-Wave Systems.”

The Mitchell Odyssey Foundation was established by Ross Mitchell, a high-tech entrepreneur who was inspired by a school trip at age 13 to pursue a life-long path of discovery into the physical sciences and to create innovative communication technologies that have enhanced the world around him.

“The objective of the Foundation is to give adolescents the same opportunity I had by engaging, stimulating and mentoring them in the areas of science, technology and mathematics,” said Ross Mitchell, Chairman of the Foundation.

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