

## **AASP/UNB Tuition Giveaway And the Winner is...**

Representatives at the University of New Brunswick and the Alberta Association for Safety Partnerships (AASP) are pleased to announce that Heather Smith-Schenkey is the lucky winner of the AASP/UNB Free Tuition Giveaway.

A rehabilitation practitioner by trade, Heather has almost 30 years of experience working in the health, safety and environment field and is currently the Health, Safety & Environment Manager for South Country Coop Limited.

She submitted her entry in the contest because she said the timing was right.

"I thought that since my children are grown, and considering what is going on in the world [with COVID] --being more isolated and working from home--it felt like the time is now to enhance a career I've loved for almost 30 years with the formal education," says Heather.

Heather started her career working with people with disabilities. As her career grew and safety became more prevalent, she took on extra health and safety duties and taking many related courses along the way. She ended up directing her career in the safety sector and became a safety professional.

"Although my education is diverse and robust, I haven't obtained my designation related to the health and safety field," she explains.

Heather's goal is to enhance her career. She plans to remain in the health, safety, and environment sector with South Country Co-op. Still, she says she may veer in another direction within the health and safety wheelhouse, such as occupational hygiene due to participation in the program.

When asked how her reaction when she heard the news that she'd won the contest, Heather says she was surprised and couldn't believe it.

"I was thrilled. It was like winning the lottery. This opportunity presented itself at the right time," she adds.

Heather didn't waste any time getting started on Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety program. She has already completed the first course and plans to sign up for the second very soon.