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WORLD YOUTH PROGRAM: A FAMILY TRADITION

Ottawa – Taking part in the Canada World Youth Program is a family tradition for Saskatoon resident Nicole Bauche.

“My Dad was also a World Youth participant 31 years ago, when the program was in its fourth year,” said Nicole Bauche. “My brother was also involved in the Canada World Youth program.”

Canada World Youth is a non-governmental organization which provides youth with the opportunity to learn about international development.

“I have always been interested in learning different languages and the structure of language,” said Bauche, during a wine-and-cheese reception in the Foyer of the Senate on Parliament Hill on Wednesday, November 2nd.

The reception was held so that the Canadian participants in World Youth could meet their Member of Parliament and introduce their MP to their counterparts from the African nation of Benin.

“I think it is great for young Canadians like Nicole to come together and represent their country overseas in Benin. It is also a good opportunity for young men and women from West Africa to learn about our Parliamentary system and life in Canada,” said Conservative Member of Parliament Brad Trost (Saskatoon-Humboldt).

Bauche, who recently graduated from high school, is looking forward to expanding her cooking skills when she travels to Benin with her World Youth counterpart, Adéline Kpoton.

“Philosophy and cooking are two of my interests. I am looking forward to going to Benin to learn how to cook some of the local dishes,” Bauche said, smiling. Kpoton said that she too is looking forward to returning to Benin to get some home cooking.

During the Canadian phase of the Canada World Youth Program, participants like Bauche and Kpoton live with families and work with local organizations in community development and social service work.

Kpoton said that she enjoyed visiting Montreal and Quebec City. “I wish I could show Adéline Saskatoon,” Bauche added.

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