

Makenna Kuzyk, Enbridge Award Recipient

For Makenna Kuzyk, the moon is so much more than a light in the darkness. As an undergraduate at the University of Alberta in the mechanical co-op program, she is eager to contribute to the Artemis generation we are all a part of. She is truly grateful to receive this scholarship and strives to encourage the diversity which this award represents. An example of this motivation is shown through her founding of Mission SpaceWalker, an all-women's student club focused on space research. From floating their robotics experiment in microgravity to developing their glacial analogue research project, their activities are full of innovation and a strong effort is made to share this with the world. Their goal is to increase inclusivity and promote women in STEM, which is the aim of this award. Makenna's involvement also extends to Students for the Exploration of Space Canada (SEDS) and the Zenith Fellowship, and she hopes to promote the amazing projects and opportunities that these organizations provide to students. With this scholarship, Makenna is committed to her continued participation in making the space industry more inclusive. She is appreciative and excited to receive this award and will use the scholarship given by Enbridge to finish her studies, participate in undergraduate outreach events and projects, and pursue her private pilot's license after graduation. Looking towards the future she hopes to help build a sustainable moon base for interplanetary exploration and step foot on the moon herself one day.