



2025 Annual Report Outlines Major Year of Achievement for APGO Education Foundation

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June 29, 2026, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation (“APGOEF”) is pleased to announce the release of its Annual Report for 2025 which is available on our website at <https://apgoef.ca>. Highlights are as follows:

- Celebrated 10th Anniversary of Revolutionizing Public Geoscience Education
- Virtual Field Trips (VFTs) on [GeoscienceINFO.com](https://geoscienceinfo.com) now total 58 with 571 stops!
- Launched new Geoscience Hubs to allow easy access to all VFTs in key geographic areas
- Since 2016, awarded 17 -\$5000 scholarships totaling \$85,000 to outstanding 3rd year students
- Total of \$26,500 bursaries awarded to support internationally trained geoscientists to become P.Geos.
- Partnerships with earth science departments in six major universities – McMaster, Toronto, Queen’s, Western, Carleton and Laurentian
- Strong funding support from Mitacs Accelerate and the Canadian Geological Foundation
- Ten GeoHikes completed in the Niagara Geopark with a Niagara Wine GeoRoute under development
- Continued development of GeoHikes along the Bruce Trail in partnership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy
- Publication of our first children’s book – “Rocky Raccoon Explores the Niagara Escarpment” along with the launch of a new “Kid’s Zone” on GeoscienceINFO.com
- Two new Urban GeoWalks in Toronto – Mud Creek-Evergreen Brickworks and Wilket released with University of Toronto.
- Two more GeoPaddles were released in Parry Sound and Upper Stony Lake north of Peterborough with Queen’s University.
- Continued expansion of content on Social Media, Websites, Blogs and Podcasts
- Attendance at major events with partner Mining Matters including Science Rendezvous in Kingston, Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree, Thunder Bay Mining Day and Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club Show.
- Joint booth with Niagara Geopark at Ball’s Falls Thanksgiving Festival with guided geology tours to the Upper Falls
- Presented Outstanding Service Awards to long serving departing directors Kristin Hanson, Andrea Waldie and Dr. Neil Westoll
- Welcomed new directors Pierre Vaillancourt, Eilidh Lewis and David Burga

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Founder and Chair, commented: “Many thanks to our departing directors for their many contributions over the past 10 years and to our hard working staff with strong support from our partners for making 2025 a banner year. Stay tuned for more news on our exciting projects underway in 2026 that will take APGOEF to an even higher level.”



About the APGO Education Foundation

The APGO Education Foundation (“the Foundation”) is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001.

The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by:

- Holding lectures, presentations, and conferences on geoscience both in person and virtually to introduce geoscience to high school and university students as well as enhance the knowledge of the general public.
- Providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in the final year of a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree program.
- Providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as professional geoscientists (P.Geo.s) in Ontario.

APGOEF provides funding to support innovative geoscience education projects working with university geoscience departments, community groups and not-for-profit organizations across Ontario. Please see our website at www.apgoedfoundation.ca

GeoscienceINFO.com an innovative one-stop spot for the public for information about the earth beneath their feet. Our website provides interesting and topical information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is the highlighting of virtual fieldtrips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™. Information on the latest discoveries and news in the world of geoscience is featured on the website, on our blog Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog, as well as on our social media.

If you like our work, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support our programs.

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