



OUR SHARED FUTURE: THE STORY OF TWILA POINTON

Orano Northern Scholarship Recipient

At Orano, we believe in only one version of the future and it's the one we share. That's why we value our communities and work hard to support people who make them better places to live and work. Twila Pointon is one of those people.

Helping others to reach their potential has always been a top priority for Twila. Born in Calgary, she lived in B.C. and began figure skating as a little girl. This was the start of a lifelong passion, one she continued to pursue when she was nine years old and moved to La Ronge where she joined the La Ronge Skating club.

"The La Ronge club isn't big but it's well supported. A lot of families take part and they are really passionate families. They have put a lot into that club," she said.

"People who are into figure skating are family, and a community. You really feel like you're part of something and it's also athletic."

Orano and Twila share many of the same values, including the importance of community. Twila's family was always active in their community and she found her own way to contribute even as a young girl. Naturally while training and competing across north central Saskatchewan it wasn't long before she looked for ways to help others.

Coaching called her name and she became certified as soon as possible when she was 16 to coach other kids in the club.

When it came time to pursue her university education, Twila applied for and received a scholarship from Orano, and entered the engineering program at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. She completed her first-year then transferred to business.

Twila completed two years at the U of A and then transferred to the Edwards School of Business in Saskatoon to be closer to her family. In 2012, she graduated with a degree in accounting.

She went to work in the oil and gas industry in Calgary, where she obtained her CPA, and during the crash of 2014 she was laid off. Even in financial crisis, Twila kept hold of her community values and took a position as a financial analyst with the Bethany Care Society, a non-profit organization that operates seniors' care facilities across Alberta.

"I enjoy working for a non-profit," she said. "Working for an oil and gas company you just feel like you're a little fish in a big pond. With a non-profit you feel like you're making a difference. You feel like the work you're doing matters to somebody. It's not just for the bottom line."

All through school and while establishing herself in the accounting profession, Twila always found time to coach other kids in figure skating and has been involved with clubs in two provinces. Today she is the treasurer and head coach of the CCA Figure Skating Club.

Orano Canada is committed to making a daily positive impact on lives as we work towards our shared future. We believe that we are stronger together, and we are proud to have supported Twila in achieving her career goals and serving her community.

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