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During the month of July, Carleton University hosts 52 top senior high school students from across Canada as part of the Shad Valley program. As part of the program Shads develop products or innovations on existing products based on an annual theme, which in 2005 was *Health and Wellness*. One product was selected and refined through the month of August to compete in the RBC Entrepreneurship Cup with the other 10 university Shad campuses. This year the Carleton Shad Valley team selected a product they called Diabix, a handheld device that combines prick-free glucose testing with test specific insulin injections for people with diabetes.

In the 2005 award ceremony, held on Thursday, October 27, 2005, in Waterloo ON, the Carleton Shad Valley team received a third place award in the RBC Business Plan competition, two second place awards in the Telus Marketing and NSERC Prototype competitions, and for the second year in a row received the RBC Best Overall Entrepreneurship Cup. In addition, Carleton Shad Philipp Grimm of Baie D'Urfe PQ received the prestigious Dave Black Award. Philipp also received a \$2,500 Shad post-secondary scholarship along with Carleton Shad Paul Blaquiére of Campbellton NB.

The award-winning Shad Valley program, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, has proven to be a life-changing experience for senior high school students interested in pushing their creative and intellectual capacity to the limit. Shad Valley is a program focusing on the integration of excellence and entrepreneurship in a science and technology forum. This four-week residential program encourages students to open their minds and explore new career opportunities. Students are immersed in workshops, lectures, projects, and recreational activities that increase self-confidence and develop such skills as problem solving, effective communication, leadership and teamwork.

Shad International is a Canadian not-for-profit organization based in Waterloo, Ontario. The Shad Valley program was launched in 1981, and currently boasts a network of over 8,400 Shad Valley alumni, more than 200 benefactors, and thousands of educators at schools nation-wide. There are 16 Rhodes Scholars among the Shad Valley alumni.

If you are interested in finding out more about Shad Valley, ways of contributing to the program, or seeking employment opportunities at the Carleton University Shad Valley program you may contact the Program Director, Adrian Chan at [adrian.chan@shadnet.ca](mailto:adrian.chan@shadnet.ca).

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