

First year EATS student triumphs at St. Louis in WxChallenge competition

Andrew Danko, first-year EATS student in atmospheric science, handily defeated 384 first and second-year undergraduate forecasters from 65 universities across Canada and U.S. in the *WxChallenge* competition forecasting for St. Louis, MO. He scored a very close second overall from among all 1,570 forecasters including graduate students and faculty. For winning his category, Andrew will receive a trophy at the end of the competition. Designed to test weather forecasting ability in a variety of situations, *WxChallenge* forecasters compete against one another by submitting individual forecasts of high and low temperature, precipitation and maximum wind speed each day for two weeks at one city, rotating across 10 different cities over the course of the competition. St. Louis was the fifth of ten cities on this year's schedule. All students, researchers, faculty and alumni of York University are eligible to join the York team starting in September, regardless of major or department affiliation. The 2009-10 team is the largest ever with 33 forecasters and is performing well this year. For further details, consult the *WxChallenge* website: <http://wxchallenge.com>.