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U of L student builds community through Humans of ULeth project

Local media looking for a feel-good story for the holiday season are invited to contact Richard Lee-Thai, a University of Lethbridge student who is building a campus community one interview at a time.

Modelled after <u>Humans of New York</u>, the blog by Brandon Stanton that features portraits and poignant short stories from the lives of people on the streets of New York City, Lee-Thai has photographed and interviewed 28 U of L humans. He began posting to Facebook and Instagram near the end of October and has already generated hundreds of followers.

Lee-Thai transferred to the U of L from the University of Calgary in September to study music. Being away from home for the first time was an adjustment and he looked for a way to become part of the U of L community. Lee-Thai brought his experience in blogging and photography together with his passion for volunteering and community involvement to create Humans of Uleth.

"Through this project I feel I've become part of the community here," he says.

Lee-Thai can be reached via email at <u>richard.leethai@uleth.ca</u> until Wednesday, Dec. 12.

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