

“This photo may seem like just me standing out in a Canola field but there are actually dead grasshoppers clinging at the top of the Canola because they have been infected by a fungus that makes them climb to the top of canola and die so their spores can be released from the grasshopper host at an optimal height and infect other grasshoppers. Just cool what kinds of science and biology you can find even out in the middle of a farmers field.”

Ben

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada – Lethbridge,  
AB





“A lot of times my Co- op takes me out of the office to engage in cultural activities. From this photo you'd think that I was in an agriculture program but I'm actually picking sweet grass in order to facilitate smudging for our indigenous clients.”

Rosemary  
ARCHES – Lethbridge, AB



“We often talk about the power of working together as a team, and I don't think anything can illustrate that better than a good old-fashioned company tug of war! Apparently it's the first time Arcurve has won the event, it must have been all the strong U of L interns they hired this year!”

Brett  
Arcurve – Calgary, AB

“This photo is of one of my co-workers just before we began sampling one morning at a ranch where we do fieldwork. I felt the composition to be really contrasting, the pale blues, greys and whites of the sky stark against the bright vividness of the green grass and yellow foxtail barley. I tried to follow the rule of thirds in regards to where the subject was. I feel this really captures the beauty of all the places I was able to visit with my co-op. One of my favourite parts was travelling and being able to go all across BC and Alberta; fieldwork was an important aspect of our research, and I found myself enjoying the outdoors and movement through wild spaces much more than I thought I would.”

Clarice  
Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB





“In this photo I am buttering bread I made using the wood burning stove which is behind me with butter that I churned. On the table I also have cookies, homemade soap, pickles and pickled eggs. These are a few things the pioneers would had made and lived off of. I also explain this people when they come for tours and comapair it to life today. "Things were harder back then becuase they could not just drive to McDonalds to get supper. They would had used a horse and cart to travel and lived off what they could grown and make at home." I loved the variety of people I got to meet such as young childern, elders, locals, travelers, and Icelanders. I also enjoyed making new things and testing my kicthen skills on the wood burning stove, along with planning events and seeing the end results.”

Cheyenne  
Travel Alberta – Markerville, AB



“On my last Co-op term...  
a bromance was born...”

Kyle  
Career Bridge Office –  
Lethbridge, AB

“What I've loved about my 3rd co-op term is all the new experiences I've had and coworkers I've met! This is myself and Floriane after spraying hormone treatment on our wheat plants, looking like aliens with our respirators on!”

Rosie  
Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB



# JEFF

For eating quicker than the human vacuum, Patrick "Dyson" Rollin



We foresee a new career path in your future...



# June

This is the my EOTM poster that Leander made and put up as was mentioned in June report. The story of how I became EOTM is described in the poster's text.

Jeff

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Earth Observation, Science & Technology  
Ottawa, ON





This candid photo was taken on the day of the International Triticale Tour at one of our field locations named Palmer. The tractor I am leaning on is hooked onto one of our seeders called the Conserva Pak that can seed up to 16 rows at once! This photo represents my time working for AAFC research center in the cereal agronomy program perfectly because it shows how even through all of the hot and sweaty days working in the fields, our crew still found a way to make it fun and exciting. My coop term has brought me so many new learning experiences in the field of agriculture as well as so many great new relationships that I shall cherish forever. Every worker at the research center was very easygoing and always there if you required a helping hand. The work environment was very laidback for the majority of the time and even when stressful days arrived, the motivation of both students and technicians made it easy to enjoy. I would highly recommend a coop work term to all students as it allows you to truly experience the work you will be going into after University and it has only made me strive harder to finish my degree with a greater passion for all things agriculture. Also, one of my fellow student workers suggested I should get into modeling with tractors if my degree seems to fall out, so that's a new option!

Cody

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB

“This photo shows what the alley looks like on a sale day. The cattle I work with are the best part of my job. In this photo they have just been sold and are now heading to their new pen to wait for pick up. This is a neat angle not many people who don't work in the ag industry get to see, the cattle rushing down the alley to their next destination.”

Hanna

Perlich Bros. Auction Mart –  
Lethbridge, AB





“Co-op Photo with the rest of the Summer 2019 interns at Mainstreet Equity.”

Hani  
Mainstreet Equity Corp. –  
Calgary, AB

“Potatoes are extremely sensitive to environmental conditions. As a result, I have gotten to witness an array of unique looking potatoes. The one I'm holding in the picture is shaped like a heart, this could be from a vine, root, or stolon constricting its growth. Just like there are many different appearances in potatoes, there are also many different experiences that the co-op program has to offer. Through this co-op, I was able to gain many skills in the laboratory as well as in the field. These skills translate directly to what I want to do after I graduate from university. In addition to providing me with a useful skillset, my co-op experience has also given me insight into what kind of career I want to pursue after graduation. This experience is invaluable and I am extremely grateful for the co-op program and the experience it has provided me with. So, maybe the potato grew into a heart-shape from environmental factors- or maybe it just grew that way because of my love for the co-op program.”

Cassie

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada – Lethbridge, AB





“This photo was taken on a day that my co-worker and I started at 6am to beat the heat. We were on highway 2 headed towards Granum, Alberta. It shows two qualities about my summer job; that I had a flexible schedule and could choose my own hours within reason, and that I got to travel a lot and get to know the area around Lethbridge more intimately.”

Legacy

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB

“Surfing the WAVES on Wednesday's. Wednesdays were special! Coffee with my colleagues at WAVES completes the day on Wednesdays.”

Mahfooz  
Canada Revenue  
Agency – Calgary, AB





“This is a photo of me, taken by my supervisor, Catherine Shier. I'm finishing up a vegetation assessment as part of our Wildlife Monitoring project - I was the lead on creating a site-specific characteristics form to be filled out in the field to collect ecological information about our camera sites. I truly saw this mini-project to the end and have since completed about 20 assessments with many more in my future here! And, honestly, field work has been some of the most enjoyable work I've done this summer... stay tuned to see if that holds true though a Northern Alberta winter season.”

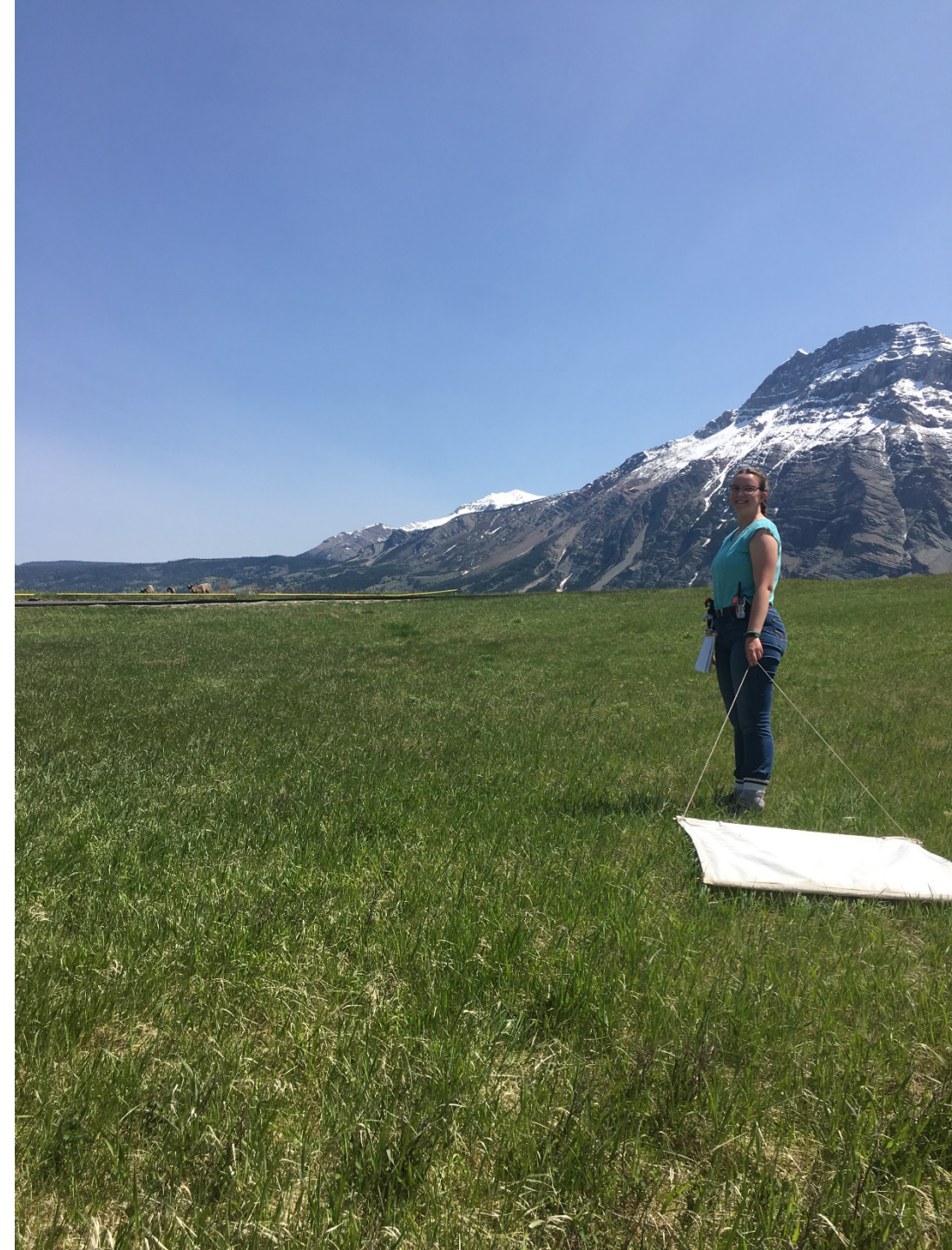
Kelsey

City of Edmonton – Edmonton, AB

“I worked in veterinary entomology and although working outdoors was challenging when there was inclement weather I got to experience many beautiful locations like Waterton (pictured). In this photo, I am dragging a flannel drag towards a group of big horn sheep collecting montane ticks off the ground. This photo was taken next to the historic Prince of Whales hotel. I will definitely never forget working in this lab, not only was the work interesting—especially because I was getting paid to hike—but my coworkers were excellent as well!”

Shelby

Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada – Lethbridge, AB





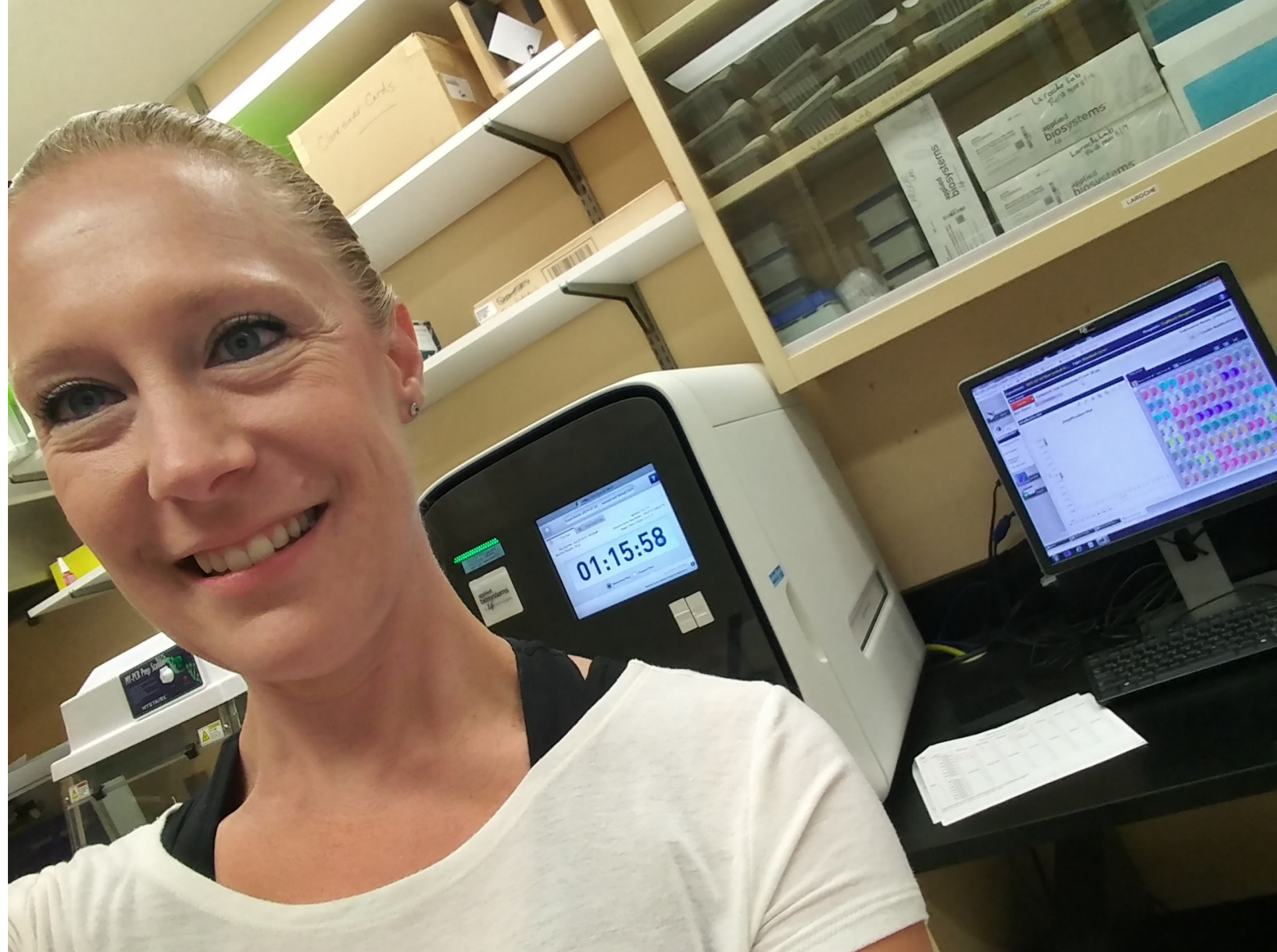


“Featured here is Colby Robertson in a potato field, preparing to chow down on a delicious and nutritious potato. One amazing benefit of working a co-op term with an organization like McCain Foods is the ability to be outside more often than not. Furthermore, if one forgets their afternoon snack there is no shortage of starchy snacks in the field.”

Colby  
McCain Foods – Taber, AB

“I love learning new skills and this co-op work term I made friends with the QuantStudio qPCR machine! It treats me well and I give it lots of plates to eat. Quantifying fungal pathogens (mainly *Fusarium* spp.) is a fun-tastic time!”

Melissa  
Agriculture and Agri-  
Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB





“After a long day of surveying in the field I was able to stop for a snack of wild saskatoon berries.”

Scott  
Alberta Conservation Association –  
Lethbridge, AB

“Collecting water samples from ground water on a reclamation site.”

Jamie  
Syncrude – Fort McMurray, AB





“The image I submitted is a photo I took of my entire crew working together to rogue one of our small plot strips. I wanted to submit this photo because it encompasses everything I love about my job. First of all, I love field work and this job has no shortage of that. Working in the field allows me to gain new skills, become familiar with new equipment and apply the knowledge I learn in class to the real world. Second, I love learning, and working along-side our technicians allows me to ask questions as well as learn from other students' questions. Third, I love my crew, and getting to work with these people every day makes work an enjoyable experience. Finally, the thing I love most about my job is when we get swamped with an overwhelming task, such as this one depicted in the photo, our whole team comes together to get it done. In conclusion, I am lucky to have found a job that is so well suited to me and what I want to do with my degree.”

Jeannine  
Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB



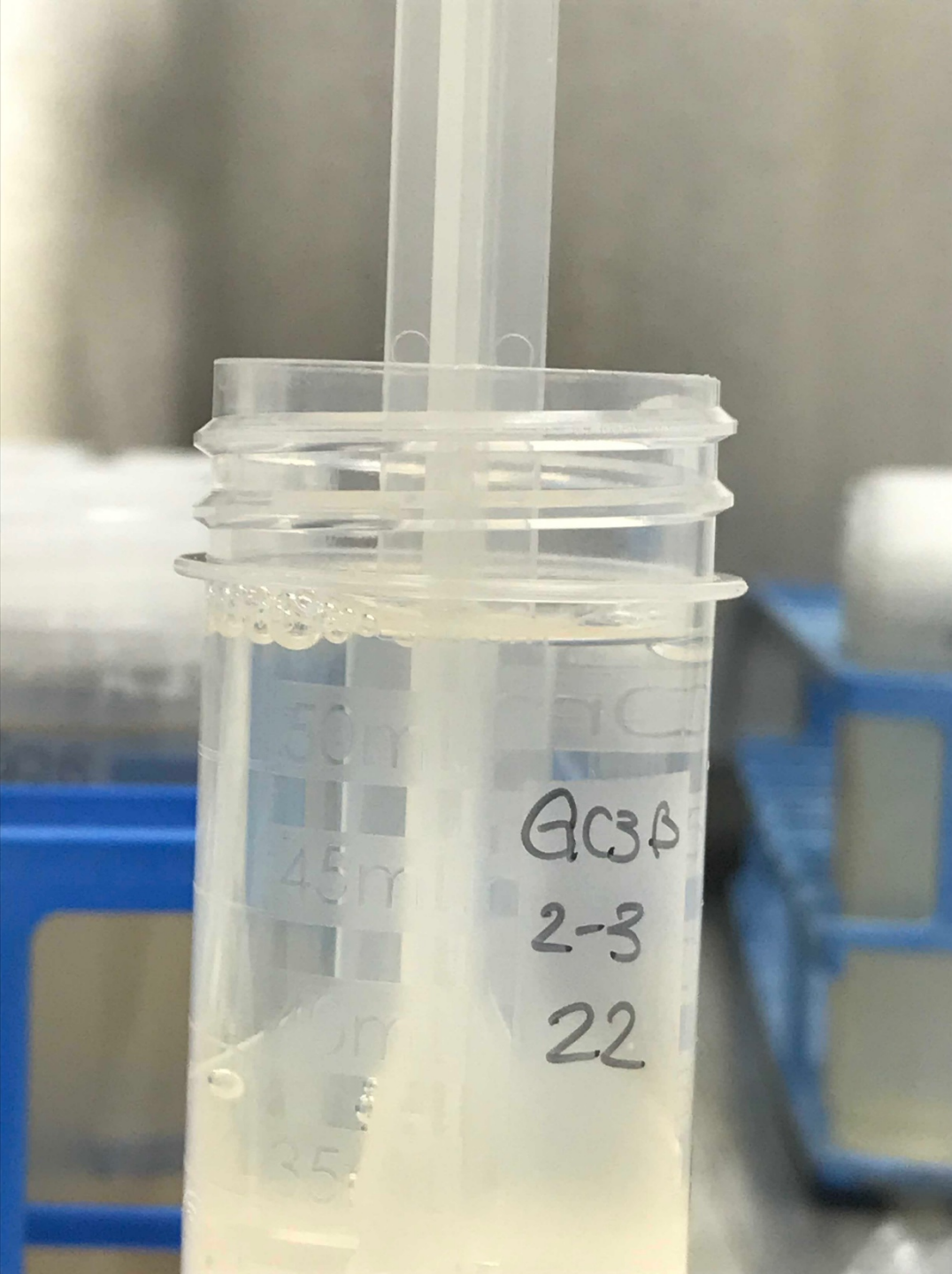
“This photo was taken south of High River during monitoring one of our Leafy Spurge sites. This storm was part of the larger cell that later hit Turin and Carmangay. I loved how I got to travel for my job and not only did I love my work but it brought me to so many unique and isolated places.”

Nick  
Alberta Invasive  
Species Council –  
Lethbridge, AB



“This is a photo looking towards the mountains within Waterton Lakes National Park. While IT in a National Park seems like a small role to play, you are supporting something so much bigger, and I wanted my photo to reflect that. Everyone in the park relies on technology to monitor, plan, and maintain the park with specialized sensors and programs required to get the job done. I loved learning so much about hardware and software that I had never heard of and through planning Windows 10 upgrades I saw the full complexity of the system and how fragile it can be at times, especially with a lot of the software being very old or requiring very specific setup to get working.”

Austin  
Parks Canada – Waterton, AB



“This photo represents the lab mantra: Science is repetitive! It's one of 1,596 samples I carried out nitric acid digestions on over the course of 3 weeks. It tested my efficiency, time management, chemical skills, and work ethic. I worked late to complete this task nearly every day, which led to a re-hire offer from my superiors. Though it was hard work, I enjoyed every minute of it. It was truly a challenge and I'd do it again in a heartbeat.”

Amber  
Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada –  
Lethbridge, AB