



## CWSF 2011 - Toronto, Ontario



## **Gayashan Tennakoon**

Oil Sands: Friend or Foe?

Challenge: Resources
Category: Junior
Region: Ottawa
City: Nepean, ON
School: Cedarview M.S.

Abstract: Improvement of extraction efficiency of bitumen from oil sands would

significantly benefit our energy needs and economy. It is shown that, compared to traditional "hot water-based" extraction, incorporation of organic solvents can increase the bitumen recovery by bringing economic benefits as well as reduce negative environmental impact of wastes. Several factors, such as solvent type, temperature, proportion of solvent,

stepwise extraction, etc., were studied.

## **Biography**

Academically, I have several hobbies. In my current school, I frequently participate in any mathematic competition provided by the school, including the Canada-wide Caribou Math Contest. I have volunteered as a peer Tutor in Math and Computers as a member of the Tech Club. Ever since as a small child, I have been a scientifically curious person. I have built several devices at home and have a great interest in the field of science. I also participate in a wide variety of musical groups. I have been chosen to be a member of the OCDSB All-Star Jazz Band and All-Star Concert Band. At school, I participate in the Senior Jazz Band and Senior Concert Band. In these bands, I play the trombone and baritone. I also like to participate in several athletic activities, namely swimming. After three years of swimming, I have managed to attain all levels which allow me to continue on to become a life guard. Above all I like to volunteer to the local Buddhist temple as to support the organization and gain knowledge on my heritance. Eventually, I am sure each of these activities will benefit to my goal of becoming a medical doctor.

Awards	Value
Carlson Wagonlit Award - Junior	\$500
Sponsor: Carlson Wagonlit Travel	
Challenge Award - Resources - Junior	\$500
Sponsor: Youth Science Canada	
Excellence Award - Junior - Gold Medal	\$1 500
Sponsor: Youth Science Canada	
The University of Western Ontario Scholarship	\$4 000
Gold Medallist - \$4000 Entrance Scholarship	
Sponsor: University of Western Ontario	
Total	\$6 500





