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*Melanie Kebel*

Blue Sky Analytical Labs is one of very few labs in Western Canada with the licensing and equipment to execute cannabis regulatory testing. Blue Sky already stands apart, and it is seeking expansion to cover more agricultural and environmental sectors.

Melanie Kebel, a University of Lethbridge Chemistry student, aspires to become an analytical chemist. Reflecting on her enthusiastic application to become a laboratory technician at Blue Sky, she says, "This was the perfect job for me."

Ross Tisdale, President, CEO and Co-Founder of Blue Sky, is quick to champion the WIL funding that enables them to hire students. Being able to afford more hands in the office and in the laboratory is a huge benefit to the start-up. Melanie also makes note that WIL has positively impacted her employment: "It relieved my financial stress as a student. This allows me to focus more of my energy toward doing a better job at the lab."

During her time at Blue Sky, Melanie has been working with the Lab Manager on method validation, improving her lab skills and running client samples. She also had the opportunity to do some higher-level administrative work, helping to get the lab accredited and diversifying her skillset.

Ross is quick to give praise: "Melanie has been extremely helpful in the laboratory doing sample preparation and helping to document and develop our standard operating procedures. She is energetic, talented and has become a welcomed member of the team."

Melanie's work as part of the team inspires her. She says, "I love what I do. The most exciting part is being in the lab, which is what I want to do with my career. Being a chemist has been a dream of mine for years and my aspirations are to be the best chemist I can be. This experience allowed me to gain more confidence and knowledge about my job."

Blue Sky's unique partnership with the University of Lethbridge and their ability to leverage space and equipment sets them apart in their industry. We can't wait to see what's next for them!

