In 1979, Orano Canada established a scholarship program to help northerners achieve their higher education goals and build a better tomorrow for our communities. We are as committed to creating better communities today as we were back then. Since the program’s inception, we have given $1.8 million to more than 300 recipients – Evan Corrigal was one of them.

Born in Prince Albert, Alberta, Evan grew up in Île-à-la-Crosse where his mother was a nurse and his father managed the community housing authority.

It’s been said that a little inspiration goes a long way. The youngest of three children, Evan was always active in sports and prioritized his academic performance. Although Evan is well established now, he credits his career beginnings to teacher at Rossignol High School, in his hometown of Île-à-la-Crosse, for inspiring him to pursue a career in engineering.

“I had a great math and science teacher. His name was Derek Birkham. I was interested in physics classes and math classes and he pointed me in the right direction. My interest continued to build from there,” Evan said. As advanced calculus is a prerequisite for engineering programs, Birkham even helped guide Corrigal through an online calculus course and ensured that he was prepared for a post-secondary engineering program.

After graduating high school, Evan decided to actively pursue a career in engineering. He was admitted to the University of Saskatchewan – applying for and receiving a post-secondary scholarship from Orano. He credits Orano for taking an interest in his progress and helping him excel in engineering. During his degree, he worked at Orano’s McClean Lake mill for three summers, providing him with valuable engineering experience, specifically during process changes to the various circuits in the mill.

Evan graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering in 2017. Since graduation, he’s gone on to work for AECOM Canada Ltd., a global engineering firm with offices across the country. At AECOM Canada Ltd., Evan designs municipal and industrial water treatment plants – something which he describes as the perfect balance of exciting and challenging work.

Orano is proud to have helped Evan achieve his dream of becoming an engineer and to have been involved in his journey of success. By following his dreams, he is now responsible for designing systems that ensure safe drinking water for everyone. His meaningful work also ensures that water treatment plants are built as sustainably and efficiently as possible for future generations.