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**VERC Weston Mobil sponsors BC graduate student's attendance  
at seismology society annual meeting**

*Sponsored student's research poster takes first place at event*

WESTON, DUXBURY, MA, NOVEMBER 5, 2010 ... VERC Enterprises, a leading independent convenience store, gasoline station and car wash operation with 23 locations throughout Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire announces that VERC Weston Mobil recently donated \$200 to Boston College's Weston Observatory of Earth and Environmental Sciences, allowing a graduate student to attend the Eastern Section of the Seismology Society of America's 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, held at the Boston College campus, October 17 to 19.

Justin Starr, a second year graduate student in the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences at Boston College, was the recipient of the VERC Weston Mobil sponsorship. His seismological research poster earned Starr a first place award at the ES-SSA annual meeting.

"I am deeply grateful to VERC Enterprises for their financial support which allowed me the opportunity to attend and participate in the ES-SSA 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting," said Starr. "As a graduate student, finances are often difficult and due to the support of VERC Enterprises, not only was I allowed to attend but also to compete in the student presentation competition; I am thrilled to have been awarded first place in this competition and I realize that the generosity of VERC Enterprises assisted in making this a significant milestone in my academic career."

"Our Weston Mobil staff and the entire team at VERC Enterprises are proud to have sponsored Justin's participation in this prestigious event," said Leo Vercollone, CEO of VERC Enterprises.

***About VERC Enterprises***

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