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Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation: University of Toronto Student Receives \$15,000 Top Scholarship

(**Renfrew, ON**): A mentor, teaching assistant, researcher and active volunteer, Beverly Bradley epitomizes how strong leadership inspires others. The Foundation is extremely proud to announce Ms. Bradley has been selected as the 2013 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Scholarship recipient moving her into the ranks of previous scholarship winners who are top leaders of women in the engineering profession.

A PhD candidate at the University of Toronto in both the Centre for Global Engineering and a collaborative program in global heath, Ms. Bradley is combining her passion for biomedical engineering with issues of poverty and global development.

From numerous candidates across the country, she has been chosen for her personal success as well as her contributions to the engineering profession and her commitment towards engineering and serving others. She will be recognized for winning the \$15,000 scholarship at the CEMF Networking and Awards Event being held in Yellowknife, NWT this June.

Ms. Bradley is an active volunteer in her community, where she helps run a global developmentthemed enrichment program to provide inter-disciplinary learning opportunities for high school students. She has also spoken at Women Empowered in Engineering and Leaders of Tomorrow events. She has also served as a volunteer and vice-president of content development for the Social Change and Youth Leadership Conference held at the University of Toronto.

Since 2009, Ms. Bradley has lived and worked a total of 14 months in The Gambia, a country in West Africa. There she has done research on the scarcity of medical oxygen in developing countries, and she plans to propose new operation technological solutions. This will allow for the more efficient and reliable treatment of childhood pneumonia, as well as other serious illnesses. She has presented her research at four conferences to date, with the majority being at an international level, and to audiences extending beyond the engineering profession. "I feel it is important to showcase what engineers are doing in the global health arena and beyond," she says. "My participation as a mentor shows students, particularly the young women, that engineers have an important role to play in finding solutions to big global challenges."

Since 1990, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation has been promoting engineering as a career choice for young Canadian women through its extensive scholarship program, a website

that attracts thousands of new visitors a month, social media programming, and presentations to high school students.

"For the past eight years I have been volunteering for CEMF, I have had the pleasure of judging on one or more scholarship panels, and I am always humbled by the incredible accomplishments of our applicants," says Huntlwy O'Connor, P.Eng., CEMF president.

"I believe it is a testament to the untapped potential of women in engineering across the countrywe have very talented future engineers and we need to continue to work together to promote engineering as an exciting and rewarding career option to all young Canadians. Congratulations to our 2013 CEMF Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Scholarship winner this year, well-done."

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