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## A focus on the future

(**Renfrew, Ontario**): The memory of those who lost their lives at École Polytechnique on December 6, 1989 is kept alive through the numerous scholarships provided by the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation each year and the remarkable women who receive the prestigious awards.

The Foundation was formed in 1990. Foundation president Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng. says supporting and encouraging women to pursue a career in engineering has been, and remains the mandate and purpose of the Foundation.

"We remember and honour the 14 women killed on December 6, 1989 through every scholarship recipient. Recipients are selected based on strong leadership skills, ambassadorship and ability to serve as a role model for the engineering profession. For many recipients, the scholarship goes beyond the financial support offered; the scholarships provide the confidence required to excel in their chosen field," says Wolfe. "I am proud to be involved with this great organization and its important mandate."

Despite the constant and ever-growing need for professional engineers in Canada, over half the population of potential future engineers aren't being engaged. Fewer than 10 per cent of professional engineers in Canada are women, making the support and encouragement the Foundation and its donors provides to women to become engineers integral to the future of Canadian business.

Scholarship winners are honoured at the Annual Awards hosted by Engineers Canada at its AGM as well as being featured in a booklet, titled Faces of the Future, that is sent to university engineering faculties, provincial associations, donors and stakeholders across the country.

For more information on the CEMF, its scholarships and programs, please visit <a href="www.cemf.ca">www.cemf.ca</a> or contact CEMF directly at 1-866-883-2363.