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From B.C. to Nova Scotia: CEMF selects the top Canadian undergraduate women in engineering for 2016

(Renfrew, Ontario): Representing the west and the east, the prairies and central Canada, from big cities and small towns, with varied interests and backgrounds, five remarkable women from across the country have come together to share one important connection.

All have been selected as a 2016 CEMF Undergraduate Women in Engineering Scholarship winner, representing their region as the strongest ambassadors for the profession based on their leadership, volunteerism and community involvement. The award is valued at \$5,000 and comes with extensive networking and promotional opportunities for the recipients.

The Foundation is proud to introduce its 2016 CEMF Undergraduate Ambassador Scholarship Winners from the regions of British Columbia, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.

Jory Wong, University of British Columbia, a third-year engineering physics student has won the scholarship for the British Columbia region.

Janica Echavez, University of Calgary, a second-year mechanical engineering student has won the scholarship for the Prairies region.

Keilah Bias, Dalhousie University, a fourth-year industrial engineering student in the co-operative education program has won the scholarship for the Atlantic region.

Marieme Lo, Ecolé de technologie supérieure, a third-year civil engineering student has won the scholarship for the Quebec region.

Alison Bayzat, McMaster University, a third-year electrical engineering and society student is the winner of the Ontario region.

Each \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the most promising woman in an accredited undergraduate engineering program in Canada. The level of competition was outstanding, with many strong ambassadors for women in engineering. However, even among the very best, these five women stood out.

All of the recipients are actively involved in their communities, volunteer many hours to helping others and are strong role models for the engineering profession. Their accomplishments will be recognized at the CEMF Award Event being held this September in Ottawa, Ontario.

"It is a privilege for my colleagues on the Foundation Board and me to review the applications to our awards. Each year I am impressed with the breadth of experience and the accomplishments of all of the applicants. The winners are truly exceptional in terms of their contribution to society and have all already demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism," says Deborah Wolfe, P.Eng., CEMF President. "Our awards will help them move that volunteerism in a direction of encouraging more young women to consider engineering as a future career. We are all very proud that you are our 2016 ambassadors – congratulations!"

Since 1990, the Foundation has been promoting engineering as a career choice for young Canadian women through its extensive award and networking program, a website that attracts thousands of new visitors a month, social media, and high school outreach.

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For more information or for interviews with any of the scholarship recipients, please contact CEMF at 1-866-883-2363, info@cemf.ca, www.cemf.ca.