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## University of Toronto student Sara Maltese selected as the 2016 Marie Carter Memorial Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship Winner

(Renfrew, Ontario): Sara Maltese, a former CEMF Undergrad Ambassador has re-joined the illustrious list of Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation scholarship recipients. The Foundation is proud to announce that Sara Maltese, a third year Civil Engineering student at the University of Toronto, has been named the 2016 Marie Carter Memorial Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship Winner.

This prestigious \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in memory of Marie Carter, P.Eng., whose work in the field was instrumental. This is awarded annually to the most promising woman interested in the mechanical engineering field at the university level.

**Sara Maltese** is a third-year civil engineering student who has a passion to promote the field of study to youth, particularly young women. She was a CEMF Undergrad Ambassador Award recipient for the Ontario region in 2014 and continues to shine in the role as an ambassador. She believes strongly in gender quality and eliminating social barriers that have an effect on the academic and career choices women make. Since high school Sara has been interested in being an ambassador for women in science. She now finds herself in the role of the WISE High School Outreach Operations Director where she is able to coordinate the mentoring of countless youth. Sara truly believes in the power of outreach.

"I once heard, "It only takes one person, one moment to change your life forever. To change your perspective. Colour your thinking." This statement is the reason why outreach is important. Future Engineers may be sitting behind desks in high school waiting to be inspired to pursue engineering." Says Sara. A statement which truly exemplifies her dedication to being an engineering ambassador.

Since 1990, the 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 scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

"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!"

Ms. Maltese will receive her scholarship certificate at the CEMF *Awards Dinner* in Ottawa, Ontario in September.

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