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**Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation:  
University of Calgary, Schulich School of Engineering Receives \$15,000 Top Award**

**(Renfrew, ON):** Emily Marasco, a former Canadian Engineering Foundation Ambassador continues her exemplary leadership and studies within the engineering field and The Foundation is extremely proud to announce Ms. Marasco as the 2016 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde PhD Award recipient.

**Emily Marasco is a third year PhD student at the University of Calgary's Schulich School of Engineering.** Ms. Marasco's passion for both electrical and computer engineering led her to further her graduate studies through her PhD research in creativity in technical engineering focusing on teaching and inspiring creative thinking among future engineers from elementary aged students to post-secondary engineering students. Her passion is working to improve the way students view engineering as a profession.

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 award this September in Ottawa at the CEMF Awards dinner.

Ms. Marasco is an active volunteer within the engineering community. She is a member of the graduate program committee at her university and is passionate about sharing her love for the field with young prospective engineers. This year she was involved in completing a curriculum redesign for a first year introductory programming course where she used her passion for engineering educating to further develop her mentoring and coaching skills.

"I am passionate about increasing diversity and improving public perception surrounding the profession." States Ms. Marasco, which was the driving force behind her association with organizations such as Let's Talk Science, Minds in Motion, Engineering Education Student's Society, to name a few. As well as being involved as a leader with the notable organizations previously mentioned, Emily is currently developing outreach activities for the Cybermentor engineering mentorship program where she leads engineering workshops for groups such as the Girl Guides of Canada.

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.

"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!”

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