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## CEMF announces 2012 national scholarship winners

**(Renfrew, Ontario)** For their leadership, volunteerism and community involvement, five undergraduate engineering students have been selected as the winners of a prestigious 2012 Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship. These five women are true advocates for the engineering profession and will embark on a journey to reach out to youth in Canada and inspire other women across the nation to pursue a career in engineering.

Studying biomedical engineering at Simon Fraser University, Mona Lisa Delva from New Westminster, B.C. is the British Columbia Region scholarship winner; studying general engineering at the University of Calgary, Alison Fyfe from Cochrane, Alberta is the Prairies Region scholarship winner; studying industrial engineering at the University of Toronto, Lea Janossy from Toronto, Ontario is the Ontario Region scholarship winner; studying mechanical engineering at Polytechnique Montréal, Laurence Lebel from Montréal, Québec is the Québec Region scholarship winner; studying electrical engineering from St. Francis Xavier University, Marianne Leblanc from Cornwall, PEI is the Atlantic Region scholarship winner.

Each \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to five women selected as the year's most promising ambassadors for the profession. Judging panels composed of professional engineers and business people from across the country review each application, seeking the top candidates for the scholarship. As part of the scholarship criteria, each winner is required to make a least one presentation about engineering as a career option to a high school level audience, with the goal of inspiring others.

Despite the constant and ever-growing need for professional engineers in Canada, over half the population of potential future engineers aren't being engaged. Currently, only 10 per cent of professional engineers in Canada are women. Each of 2012 winners embody the traits that help fulfill the Foundation's mission of encouraging more women to become engineers with their strong leadership skills and passion for the profession.

"These women are not only strong representatives of engineering but are also the pillars of our Foundation. Their contributions to the engineering field and their communities are invaluable and we are proud to have them represent us and to help them succeed in their chosen career," says Foundation president Huntley O'Connor P.Eng.

All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon being held in Niagara Falls, Ontario this June, sponsored by Vale and hosted by Engineers Canada as guests of honour.

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 via the scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

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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](http://www.cemf.ca). Fact Sheet Attached.**