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## Carleton University student Natalie Linklater wins \$15,000 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Scholarship

**(Renfrew, ON):** A new face representing the future of engineering has been selected to join the prestigious list of Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation scholarship recipients. The Foundation is excited to announce this year's Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Scholarship winner, Natalie Linklater.

**Ms. Linklater, who hails from Ottawa, Ontario** is a PhD student at Carleton University where she is focusing her studies in water and waste water disinfection.

She has been selected from candidates across the country for the esteemed \$15,000 scholarship which is awarded annually to the most promising women in a graduate engineering program at the PhD level in Canada. Natalie personifies the definitive qualities of the Claudette MacKay-Lassonde scholarship by not only achieving great personal success, but also through her many contributions to her community and the engineering profession.

"Engineering has proven not only to be a discipline which I have succeeded in, but also one that I hope future generations of women take a stronger interest in. I plan to continue the promotion of engineering amongst young women because I think they will find it as rewarding as I do," she says.

Ms. Linklater has used her interest in the engineering field to give back to young men and women to help them also pursue a career in engineering. In 2009 she founded the Society of Environmental Engineering, Management, Development and Science (SEEDS) to bring together Ottawa-area students studying in the environmental field to discuss and support one another through their intellectual growth and development. SEEDS development led to the creation of Solutions of Pollution; a week-long mini-course held by the Society, to educate high school students about environmental engineering.

Among other accomplishments, she has contributed to Carleton's Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) chapter and "Let's Talk Science" to encourage young students to participate in engineering and science activities.

In her free time Natalie likes to participate in yoga, downhill skiing, and running. She is currently challenging herself to complete a triathlon this year.

“Through Natalie’s many successes in the engineering world and her community we can see she truly embodies the qualities that make her the ideal candidate for the Claudette MacKay-Lassonde scholarship. On behalf of CEMF we are thrilled to support her as an ambassador and as a leader to help break down barriers and educate women in Canada who are currently pursuing or considering a degree in engineering,” says CEMF president Huntley O’Connor, P.Eng.

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 through its scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

The Foundation will also be awarding nine other scholarships this year, with announcements coming soon. All recipients, including Ms. Linklater, will have their achievements celebrated at the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon hosted by Engineers Canada as part of its AGM. The ceremony will take place in Niagara Falls this coming June.

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