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University of Waterloo student Laura Bingeman selected as the 2016 Allstream Information and Communication Technology Engineering Award Winner

(Renfrew, Ontario): A new ambassador and role model for women in engineering has joined the list of Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation scholarship recipients. The Foundation is proud to announce that **Laura Bingeman**, a second year Systems Design Engineering student at the University of Waterloo, has been named the 2016 Allstream Information and Communication Technology Engineering Award Winner.

This prestigious \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the most promising woman interested in the information and communication technology engineering field at the university level.

Laura has held many extra-curricular leadership roles throughout her academic career and is well positioned to leverage her experience in promoting engineering as a field of study for young women.

Laura explained that she felt that had there been a female role model closer in age to her when she was younger recommending pursuing engineering that she may have listened closer to her parents suggestion of the entering the field. This has led her to promote engineering as a viable career option for young girls.

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 award winner presentations to high school students.

“On behalf of all Zayo* employees, I want to congratulate Laura on winning this year’s Information and Communication Technology Engineering Award,” said Michael Strople, Managing Director, Canada, and President, Zayo Managed Services. . “Encouraging young women to pursue careers in engineering benefits them, sets an example for others, and contributes to our country’s technical leadership. That’s why Zayo is proud to participate in this way.”

Ms. Bingeman will receive her award certificate at the CEMF *Networking and Award Event* held in Ottawa in September.

“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 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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*Allstream was acquired by Zayo in January 2016.

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.