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**McMaster University student named  
*Dillon Consulting Limited Undergraduate Engineering  
Scholarship recipient***

**(Renfrew, Ontario):** Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation and Dillon Consulting Limited are pleased to announce Vanessa Raponi, a Materials Engineering and Management student at McMaster University, has been selected as the 2017 Dillon Consulting Limited Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship winner. This \$5,000 scholarship is presented to a woman studying engineering in an accredited program who is leader in her community, a dedicated volunteer and a strong ambassador for the engineering profession.

Ms. Raponi believes that learning takes place outside of the classroom as much as it does inside the classroom. Her interests are engineering, business and her commitment to improving the state of diversity in Engineering in Canada. Vanessa is passionate, persuasive, a good listener and speaks with confidence; great qualities to encourage others to explore the world of engineering.

Vanessa likes to speak about the feeling of awe and excitement that she felt the first time she used a Scanning Electron Microscope at her co-op at Bombardier Aerospace, she explains that the experience was the single greatest turning point in her understanding of what an engineer can accomplish in the world.

Ms. Raponi tells us that one of her most gratifying accomplishments was when she was a member of the McMaster delegation of the international Engineering and Commerce Case Competition (ECCC) in Montreal, Quebec where she was awarded 'Best Speaker' by Siemens.

Dillon's scholarship is provided in partnership with the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation which has been providing scholarships, networking and promotional opportunities

to women in engineering for 23 years, and was established in memory of the 14 women killed at École Polytechnique on December 6, 1989.

Dillon is a proudly Canadian employee-owned professional firm specializing in planning, engineering, environmental science and management that partners with clients to provide committed collaborative and inventive solutions to complex, multi-faceted problems. With over 600 dedicated staff, Dillon is founded on the knowledge, passion and relentless pursuit of the best solution for our clients, and the communities in which we work and live.

“Vanessa is precisely the type of leader and individual that will lead us to a better tomorrow” says Nicole Caza, partner, Dillon Consulting Limited. “Dillon has a long-term commitment towards helping to elevate women that study in our services areas. Vanessa is a strong example of what women in engineering can achieve. Congratulations Vanessa!”

Along with other CEMF scholarship winners, Ms. Raponi will be recognized for her accomplishments at the Award Event being held in Ottawa, Ontario this September in conjunction with the Engineers Canada meetings.

“It is heartening to see so many qualified and capable applicants. This makes our job to choose just one, very hard,” says Julie Lassonde, CEMF President. “Ms. Raponi is a worthy award winner and we look forward to watching her continue to help connect young Canadians, through her passionate volunteerism, with engineering and its vast possibilities as a viable career choice for other young ladies. We're delighted to see that her infectious enthusiasm for engineering, and are thrilled to be supporting her in her future endeavours.”

In addition with the Dillon scholarship, CEMF provides eleven other scholarships to women across Canada.