



Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners

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(Renfrew, Ontario): The criteria for the CEMF engineering scholarships, at first glance, may not seem overly stringent. Canadian women applying must be leaders, volunteers, involved in numerous community activities and willing to go out of their way to inspire others. And yet, the combination of these characteristics results in remarkable women who shine among their peers.

Kaitlyn McNutt, Madavine Tom, Bouchra Ouatik, Veronica Haring and Lin Watt have been named the five top undergraduate engineering students across Canada by CEMF. Each will receive a \$5,000 CEMF Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship in recognition of their accomplishments.

Along with the \$5,000, each recipient will also receive an expense-paid trip to the CEMF Awards Luncheon held as part of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers annual general meeting. The event is being held in Montreal, Quebec on May 22, 2009.

Atlantic region recipient **Kaitlyn McNutt** of Ottawa, Ontario is a fourth-year chemical engineering student at **Dalhousie University** where she has earned Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Academic All-Canadian status, has served on the Dalhousie Student Affairs Committee and the Athletic Council. She has also served as a Canadian delegate at the Global Youth Leadership Conference in Europe. She has volunteered in many areas from helping install an irrigation system in the Dominican Republic to working in a soup kitchen in her hometown.

Ontario region recipient **Madavine Tom** of Montreal, Quebec is a third-year environmental engineering student at the **University of Guelph**. She chose to pursue engineering when she realized she could truly make a difference. Ms. Tom is very involved with Engineers Without Borders and is continually sharing her passion with others, more specifically young women, to inspire them to take the less conventional path towards engineering.

Quebec region recipient **Bouchra Ouatik** of Montreal, Quebec is a first-year student studying engineering physics at **l'École Polytechnique de Montréal**. She participates in an impressive array of extracurricular activities and is currently a member of SPIE, an international society advancing light-based research. Ms. Ouatik is also participating in the Water for the World

project, which was created to raise awareness among students about the need for water and the role of Canadians in protecting this valuable resource.

Prairie region recipient **Veronica Haring of Edmonton, Alberta** is a second-year civil engineering student at the **University of Alberta**, where she is a Campus Ambassador. For the past three years she has worked with students in a Life Skills Class at her former high school and has used her experience to offer respite care to some of the families. In 2008, working at a science outreach program, Ms. Haring combined her engineering and teaching skills to develop a workshop to expose students with physical and mental disabilities to the idea of science.

British Columbia region recipient **Lin Watt of Vancouver, British Columbia** is a third-year chemical engineering student at the **University of British Columbia**. Originally from Nova Scotia, Ms. Watt has actively volunteered with many organizations. She designed and implemented an applied reading program for children age five to seven called Experiment With Reading. She has also demonstrated her leadership abilities through her active recruitment, representation and advocacy for women engineers at UBC and the Engineers Without Borders community.

“The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is proud to present these students with these well-deserved scholarships, and we have every confidence that each one of them will succeed in their future endeavours,” says Suzelle Barrington, ing., CEMF President. “There is no doubt that they are Canada’s future engineering leaders.”

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation was founded in 1990 to develop scholarship and award programs that encourage women to choose engineering as a career to honour the memory of the 14 women at École Polytechnique whose contributions to Canada ended on December 6, 1989.

CEMF is committed to creating a world where engineering meets the needs and challenges of Canadians by utilizing the skills and talents of men and women alike, promoting engineering as a career choice with the generous support of Canadian corporations and many individual engineers from coast to coast. The Foundation provides a total of 13 scholarships at the undergraduate, Masters and PhD levels of study and promotes engineering as a career choice for women through their website, press releases, Annual Awards Luncheon and scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

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Backgrounder attached.

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