



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.

The \$15,000 Claudette MacKay-Lassonde Scholarship is the premier award allotted by CEMF and annually an outstanding female student at the PhD level is selected from across Canada as its recipient. This year's winner has met and exceeded all expectations.

Erin Hansuld from Mississauga, Ontario, is a PhD student at the University of Western Ontario. Erin earned her Bachelor of Engineering Science from Western and Bachelor of Honours Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business. She then went on to her master's at Western and she is now in her first year of her PhD studies in chemical engineering specializing in acoustic monitoring of high-shear granulation.

In her free time, Erin volunteers with Go Eng Girl, the National Conference on Women in Engineering and as a tutor for JUMP Math for Grade 6 students. She also enjoys curling and is a member of the Oakville Curling Club team.

“Erin is an exceptional woman and we are lucky to have her representing the Foundation and the profession of engineering as a whole,” says Suzelle Barrington, ing., CEMF president. “She is bright, and hardworking and committed to her profession. Our goal is to attract more women to engineering; Erin is a role model for other young women and she is already serving as an inspiration to others.”

Along with the \$15,000 scholarship, Ms. Hansuld will receive an expense-paid trip to the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon in Québec City during the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of Engineers Canada being held on May 22, 2009.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation was founded in 1990 and honours the memory of the 14 women from École Polytechnique in Montreal who lost their lives 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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