



20 Years of Supporting Women in Engineering CEMF Announces the AMEC 2010 Aboriginal Scholarship Winner

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(Renfrew, Ontario): As we mark our 20th Anniversary, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is thrilled and proud to announce the winner of the 2010 AMEC Aboriginal Scholarship. This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to the applicant who is judged to be the most promising aboriginal female undergraduate engineering student in Canada. This year's winner is a remarkable woman, a strong role model and ambassador for the engineering profession.

Melanie Snow of Toronto, Ontario and member of the **Wikwemikong band on Manitoulin Island** has been selected as the winner of the AMEC Aboriginal Scholarship in Engineering.

Melanie is currently enrolled at the **University of Waterloo** as a third-year chemical engineering student. Her path was influenced by many teachers, in particular her high school chemistry teacher who told her "all of the world's problems that can't be solved with love can be solved with chemistry." She has worked as a peer-tutor and math mentor for fellow students as well as a basketball and swim coach for elementary school students. Melanie is also very involved in the Waterloo Engineering Class of 2011 Graduation Committee where she is director of special events.

In addition to the scholarship, Melanie will receive an expense-paid trip as a guest of AMEC to the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon in Vancouver at the Annual General Meeting of Engineers Canada being held on May 28, 2010.

"We are excited and proud to be marking our 20th Anniversary this year, and celebrating the over 100 Canadian women who have been awarded undergraduate, master's and PhD scholarships along with the over 600 applicants who have strived to win one of our scholarships since 1990," says president Suzelle Barrington. "Our 2010 winners join an elite group of women who are role models and ambassadors for the profession. To Melanie, on behalf of the Board of Directors and our judges, congratulations! We look forward to celebrating your achievement in Vancouver in May."

"In 2006, AMEC formed a partnership with the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation to encourage more Canadian Aboriginal women to pursue a career in engineering," says Marcin Freyberg, AMEC director, human resources. "This scholarship is a way for us to show our continued commitment to the education and development of young Canadian engineering talent and we hope that with the help of this scholarship Ms. Snow continues to aspire to excellence in all that she does."

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 hundreds of new visitors a month, social media programming, and national public relations and marketing campaigns and scholarship winner presentations to high school students.

The Foundation provides a total of 13 scholarships every year at all university degree levels.

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Backgrounder attached.

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