



20 Years of Supporting Women in Engineering Meet CEMF's 2010 Undergraduate Winners

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(Renfrew, Ontario): As we mark our 20th Anniversary, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is thrilled and proud to announce the 2010 undergraduate scholarship winners. These five remarkable women, representing all regions of the country, are strong role models and ambassadors for the engineering profession.

Erin Dwyer, Evelyn Mukwedeya, Jill Vandenbosch, Lauren Vathje and Hengameh Hoseini have been named the five top undergraduate engineering students across Canada by the Foundation. Each will receive a \$5,000 CEMF Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship in recognition of their accomplishments.

All winners have been invited (expense-paid) to celebrate their achievement at the CEMF Awards Luncheon in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 28, 2010. The luncheon is hosted by Engineers Canada during their AGM.

MEET OUR WINNERS

Atlantic region recipient **Erin Dwyer of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland** is a fourth-year chemical engineering student at **Dalhousie University**. Erin originally considered a career in nursing but soon realized that engineering “was the ultimate marriage of math and science.” For the past 10 years she has been involved in the Canadian Cadet movement and is now serving as an Officer and instructor. She is involved in various aspects of student government and societies including serving as vice-president external of the Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society.

Ontario region recipient **Evelyn Mukwedeya of Toronto, Ontario** is a third-year biomedical engineering student at the **University of Toronto**. Born in Zimbabwe, Evelyn has lived in Toronto for the past five years. She discovered engineering late in her high school career, “attracted to the career’s pragmatic and creative use of scientific principles to solve complex problems.” Evelyn is actively involved in Women in Science and Engineering and the National Society of Black Engineers. She is also a staff writer for the University of Toronto’s official engineering newspaper and plays the mbira, a traditional Zimbabwean instrument.

Quebec region recipient **Jill Vandenbosch of Dorchester, Ontario** is a fourth-year student studying chemical engineering at **McGill University**. Jill believes “engineering is a demanding

field of study but one that has great rewards to the keen student.” She has been very active with the Promoting Opportunities for Women in Engineering committee at McGill and represented her university at the National Conference for Women in Engineering. Jill has also been involved with the Golden Path Tutoring Program both as a tutor and program coordinator. Whilst at high school, Jill played a major role in implementing a mentoring group for younger female students.

Prairie region recipient **Lauren Vathje of Calgary, Alberta** is a second-year mechanical engineering student at the Schulich School of Engineering of the **University of Calgary**, where she is also pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in linguistics with a concentration in Russian. Lauren is passionate and enthusiastic about learning. She aspires to “inspire younger students to pursue higher education and also to encourage people to connect internationally.” Lauren is also a part of the solar car team at the University of Calgary where she assists the mechanical team.

British Columbia region recipient **Hengameh Hoseini of North Vancouver, British Columbia** is a third-year mechatronics student at the **University of British Columbia**. She is committed to “making communities stronger and more resilient, deepening her understanding of the world around her and making a positive change through leadership, mentorship and community involvement.” At UBC she is actively involved in many groups including a tri-mentoring program and Women in Engineering Group. Outside of UBC she has been involved in an Aquatic Conservation team, Canadian Blood Services and international renovation projects.

“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 our winners, on behalf of the Board of Directors and our judges, congratulations! We look forward to celebrating your achievement in Vancouver in May.”

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 the university degree levels.

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Backgrounder attached.

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