



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

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(Renfrew, Ontario): As we mark our 20th Anniversary, the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation is thrilled and proud to announce this year's Vale Inco undergraduate scholarship winners. These remarkable women are strong role models and ambassadors for the engineering profession.

Melissa Bacon from McGill University and Lindsey Curtis and Elizabeth Hughes both from the University of British Columbia, have been named the winners of this year's three Vale Inco \$10,000 Undergraduate scholarships by the Foundation.

Along with the scholarship, each winner will receive a Vale Inco expense-paid trip to the CEMF Annual Awards Luncheon in Vancouver during the Annual General Meeting of Engineers Canada being held on May 28, 2010.

Mélissa Bacon is a third-year bioresource engineering student at **McGill University** where she wants to specialize in water treatment. She describes herself as having “a boundless zest for life” and has participated in Katimavik, Eco-Leadership Canada World Youth and has just returned from an exchange student experience in Australia. She is an avid soccer player and has won the award for best goalkeeper in the province of Quebec and a bronze medal at the Australian University Games.

Lindsey Curtis is a third-year chemical and biological engineering student at the **University of British Columbia**. She is passionate about engineering because “it gives me the opportunity to make a measurable difference in the lives of others.” She is a member of the UBC Engineering Undergraduate Society as the sustainability officer and has also represented her university at the National Women in Engineering conference. Lindsey is also very involved in sport, having played elite hockey for several years and she is currently coach of a female hockey team.

Elizabeth Hughes is a third-year mining engineering student at the **University of British Columbia**. She is excited about her chosen career, “I have had many rewarding experiences already and am excited about what I do and eager to teach others about mining and the career possibilities available in the industry.” Elizabeth is actively involved in the Women in Engineering Council at UBC and currently serves as event coordinator. She has also represented

her university at the Canadian Mining Games where she participated in various competitions including the AutoCad event.

“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.”

“Vale Inco is proud that these three exceptional women are the recipients of our undergraduate scholarships during the Foundation’s anniversary year,” says Cory McPhee, vice president, corporate affairs. “The scholarships were awarded based on extra-curricular activities and dedication to encouraging women to enter engineering. Each scholarship winner shows extraordinary talent and leadership and we are proud to have them receive these awards.”

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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