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NEW Pomerleau Engineering Award supports women in engineering with $5,000 undergraduate scholarship

(Renfrew, Ontario): The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF) is thrilled to announce a new and exciting partnership has been formed with a leading Canadian construction firm, Pomerleau.

Together, with sponsorship from Pomerleau, a $5,000 scholarship supporting Canadian women in engineering has been created. The Pomerleau Engineering Award will be provided to a self-identifying female studying engineering full-time in a Canadian accredited engineering undergraduate program.

Along with the other annual scholarships managed by CEMF, the annual recipient of the Pomerleau Engineering Award will be a leader in her community, a dedicated volunteer, and an active participant in extra-curricular activities. She will be selected based on her strength as an ambassador for engineering and Pomerleau.

CEMF and Pomerleau are thrilled to announce the inaugural winner of the 2021 Pomerleau Engineering Award is Éloïse Cummings, a second year Laval University student enrolled in geomatics engineering. After her internship working with a surveyor, she found the principles of maps, satellites and programming caught her attention. Éloïse is not only an aspiring engineer, but she has been active in the CENIM swimming club and is a trained national lifeguard. Her work as a swimming instructor allows her the opportunity to help swimmers with autism and other accessibility issues.

“We are very pleased to partner with Pomerleau, a Canadian leader in the building, infrastructure, civil engineering and renewable energy construction sectors,” said CEMF President Julie Lassonde, of the announcement. “Their partnership demonstrates their important commitment to providing support for women in engineering.”
“Our partnership with CEMF underlines our promise to ensure women have the opportunity to achieve their ambitions and help shape our communities,” said Francis Pomerleau, Chief Executive, National Strategies. “We want to encourage them to not only consider pursuing a career in engineering but specifically in construction. Construction definitely offers the possibility to pursue interesting and rewarding careers and Pomerleau is passionate about empowering women like Éloïse Cummings to follow their dreams.”

The Call for Applications for the 2022 scholarships will be open in October 2021. Criteria and guidelines in English and French are posted at www.cemf.ca.

About CEMF

CEMF was established in 1990 in memory of the 14 women killed at École Polytechnique on December 6, 1989. The memory of those who lost their lives is kept alive through the scholarships, networking and promotional opportunities provided by the Foundation for the past 26 years.

About Pomerleau

Pomerleau is one of Canada’s leading construction companies and a pioneer in sustainable buildings. It specializes in the building, infrastructure, civil engineering, and renewable energy sectors. The company also excels in virtual design and construction (VDC). Founded more than 50 years ago, the company employs up to 4,000 people at its nine regional offices and more than 150 worksites across the country. In 2020, Pomerleau was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Employers. For more details about Pomerleau, visit www.pomerleau.ca.

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