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## Laval University student Justine Major selected as the 2022 Hatch Award Winner

**(Renfrew, Ontario):** The Foundation is extremely proud to announce that Justine Major, a physics engineering student at the Laval University, has been named the 2022 Hatch Award Winner.

Ms. Major has been very active in volunteer activities such as serving in the role as a representative of the engineering physics cohort with the student association, AEGEP and being a member of the University and College Debate League's debate committee. She also recently joined the executive committee of the Photonic Games at Laval University which is an all-volunteer project that gives young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to experiment and have fun with advanced optical principles.

Justine is always looking for way to enrich her academic experiences by cultural involvement and extracurricular scientific activities. For example, she participated in a Model United Nations at McGill University in 2020, an experience she will be repeating in New York in 2022. She will also be participating in her first Quebec Engineering Competition this year by completing a design challenge.

Justine has been working part-time in the DCC-Lab at Cervo and her work there is a continuation of her summer internship in biophotonics where she was able to broaden her skills in programming, analytical methods, optics, and experimental methodology. She plans to attend a session at Kings College in the United Kingdom and states she is proud of her journey "and it would give me such pleasure to be able to inspire and help a future general of women engineers".

"Ms. Major is a worthy award winner, and we look forward to watching her continue to help connect young Canadians, through her passionate volunteerism, with engineering and its vast possibilities as a viable career choice for other young ladies." says Julie Lassonde, CEMF President

Along with the other annual scholarships managed by CEMF, the annual recipient of the Hatch Award is a leader in her community, a dedicated volunteer, and an active participant in extra-curricular activities.

Since 1990, the Foundation has been promoting engineering as a career choice for young Canadian women through its extensive scholarship program, a website that attracts thousands of new visitors a month, social media programming, and award winner presentations to high school students.

About Hatch

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