

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Scholarship Awards Exceeds \$404,000.00 In Gifts “Construction Industry, Giving Back By Investing In Southern Ontario Youth Leadership”



(Photo): 2015 Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Scholarship Recipients

(September 9, 2015 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – Investing in youth leadership remains on the forefront for southern Ontario unionized construction employers, members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH). Twenty \$1,000.00 scholarships were gifted to exceptional students, who are children of salaried employees of their contractor member companies located in Hamilton, Halton, Haldimand, Brant, and Norfolk Counties at their 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Recipients are students either entering or currently enrolled in universities or colleges across the globe who maintained an exceptional grade average, established an outstanding commitment to their community through volunteerism, leadership development and demonstrated superior interest in the mechanical contracting industry or their chosen field of study. The MCA Hamilton McMaster Student Chapter \$1,000 Scholarship was also awarded.

Education Committee Chairman, Paul Shewfelt presented the awards, with the assistance of Immediate Past President Lorraine Waller. “We see the benefits of our continued stewardship and investment in our future leaders through offering our annual scholarships. Having the opportunity to meet and recognize the remarkable achievements of

*these young students reinforces and fuels their passion for achievement. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients this year!”*

Each year the Scholarship Selection Committee has the difficult task of selecting a maximum of twenty deserving students to receive this prestigious scholarship award. In addition, one special scholarship is also awarded on the behalf of our MCAH McMaster Student Chapter. This year’s Scholarship Selection Committee Panel included Past Presidents, Board of Directors and member volunteers; Paul Shewfelt, Honourary Life Member Ron Marcotte, Aron Shea and Greg Crawford. Since the program’s inception in 1995, managed by the MCAH Education Committee, contractor employer membership dues have funded over \$404,000.00 in awarded scholarships. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

2015 Scholarship Recipient	College or University	MCAH Member Company
Avery Aquin-Martin	University of New Brunswick	Gowing Contractors Ltd.
Taylor Paige Cimek	Brock University	E.S.Fox Limited
Gillian Crawford	McMaster University	Lancaster Group Inc.
Andrew Forgeron	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Marian Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Kelly Kolapak	University of Western Ontario	Aecon Industrial
Erin Saliba	Queen's University	Aecon Industrial
Liam Irwin	Conestoga College	E.S. Fox Limited
Justina Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Claire Peng	University of Waterloo	E.S. Fox Limited
Christian Sandercott	Carleton University	BML Multi-Trades
Michael Wright	Conestoga College	Trade-Mark Industrial
Bryant Brokenshire	Wilfrid Laurier University	Alberici Constructors Ltd.
Gareth Myhal	University of Guelph	Aecon Industrial
Dylan Stewart	Trent University	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Kayla Blais	Wilfrid Laurier University	E.S. Fox Limited
Noel Christian	Ryerson University	E.S. Fox Limited
Kailee Hopkins	Nipissing University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Whitley Taggart	Carleton University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Ashley Stemmler	Niagara College	Aecon Industrial
Melanie Englert	McMaster University	Student Chapter Scholarship

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