



17th Annual Mechanical Contractors Association Scholarship Awards Exceeds \$323,000.00 Since Program's Inception



(Photo) - 2011 MCAH Scholarship Recipients

SOUTHERN ONTARIO - The Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH) serving members from Hamilton, Halton, Haldimand, Brant, and Norfolk Counties held their 17th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Faculty Club of McMaster University.

Twenty \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to extraordinary students, children of salaried employees of MCAH Member Companies. Recipients are students either entering or currently enrolled in universities or colleges across Canada who maintained an exceptional grade average, established an outstanding commitment to their community through volunteerism and demonstrated superior interest in the mechanical contracting industry or their chosen field of study. This year, the MCA Hamilton McMaster Student Chapter \$1,000 Scholarship also resulted in a tie.

Lorraine Waller, MCAH President, hosted the awards and shares, "Again, we matched last year's record-breaking 42 submissions, an increase measured over the past three years. Every year the recipient judging is difficult to say the least with the receipt of so many accomplished applicants. The level of proficiency and achievement reached by

these students this year has been absolutely top notch, both in their academic and community involvement. These students are progressive, optimistic thinkers, who know how to challenge themselves and have the results to prove it as testament to their discipline and determination."

This year's Scholarship Selection Committee members having the difficult task included MCAH Director and Education Committee Chairman Bill Patterson, MCAH Past President Ron Marcotte and Education Committee members Anthony DeChellis, Manny Lemos and Rocco DiGiovanni. The ceremony featured Guest Speakers, MCAH Treasurer Mike DiLallo and Immediate Past President of the MCA Hamilton McMaster Student Chapter Bryce Jones who shared their inspirational messages as past scholarship recipients.

Dr. Saiedeh N. Razavi, PhD. Assistant Professor and Chair in Heavy Construction, Department of Civil Engineering McMaster University presented the Student Chapter Scholarships. She has been appointed as the inaugural chair in heavy construction at McMaster University. This position is thought to be a first of its kind in Canada, with funding and advisory board support from MCA Hamilton. The chair was established to provide leadership in advancing innovation in the heavy construction sector, attracting and developing talent and contributing to the advancement of a modern, durable and sustainable infrastructure in Ontario.



(Photo Right to Left) - Dr. Saiedeh N. Razavi, Joshua Splaine, Lorraine Waller and Mike DiLallo socialize after at the ceremony.

To date, MCAH contractor membership dues have funded over \$323,000.00 in scholarship awards since the program's inception in 1995. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

<u>2011 Scholarship Recipient</u>	<u>College or University</u>	<u>MCAH Member Company</u>
Brittany Beddow	Mohawk College	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Bryan Booth	Brock University	Alberici Constructors
Claire Forgeron	Brock University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Ryan Gibson	Waterloo University	Aecon Industrial
Maxwell Howard	Cambrian College	E.S Fox Ltd.
Matthew Huisman	Mohawk College	E.S Fox Ltd.
Jacob Hubbs	Western University	Alberici Constructors
Sarah Marion	Queens University	Alberici Constructors
Kayla Minor	Western University	E.S Fox Ltd.
Doug Murphy	Western University	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
Joseph Murphy	Brock University	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
Jeffery Pellizzari	McMaster University	Western Plumbing and Heating
Alana Sharpe	Ottawa University	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
David Sharpe	Fanshawe College	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
Leslie Skakun	University of Windsor	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Steven Taggart	Mohawk College	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Brooke Terreberry	Brock University	E.S Fox Ltd.
Justin Terreberry	Niagara College	E.S Fox Ltd.
Ben Waller	Brock University	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Megan Wilson	McMaster University	E.S. Fox Ltd.
Benjamin Oliver	McMaster University	Student Chapter Recipient
Joshua Splaine	McMaster University	Student Chapter Recipient

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