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\$445,000.00 Awarded In Student Scholarships Since Inception By Construction Industry Employers “Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton, Investing in Next Generation of Youth Leadership - Southern Ontario”

(October 16, 2017 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – Youth stewardship remains a priority for southern Ontario unionized construction employers, proudly serving Hamilton, Niagara, Halton, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties. Employer company members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH) have just revealed their recipients of their 23rd Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Student scholarship recipients are either entering or currently enrolled in universities or colleges across the globe. The selection criteria includes; applicants who have demonstrated leadership, maintained an exceptional grade average, established an outstanding commitment to their community through volunteerism, and demonstrated interest in the mechanical contracting industry or their chosen field of study. Members fund twenty \$1,000.00 scholarships to exceptional students, who are children of salaried employees of their contractor member companies. The MCA Hamilton McMaster Student Chapter \$1,000 Scholarship is also awarded!



Education Committee Chairman/Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton President, Anthony DeChellis presented the awards this summer and offers much needed inspiration for these ambitious young professionals. *“Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year! The journey of a thousand miles begins with one-step. (*Chinese Philosopher Lao Tzu) Each step you take leads you toward a bigger goal, sometimes it might seem like you’re not really doing much at all. You have to have a lot of confidence in what you are doing, you have to have the conviction to do the right things; the small steps you take every day will eventually get you to where you want to be. Tough times never last, but tough people do.”*

Afterwards, thank you emails, letters and cards flood the MCA Hamilton office. *“We realize tuition costs and living expenses remain an investment for every Ontario family, our commitment to contribute by supporting youth leadership through education remains one of our legacy accomplishments,”* shares DeChellis.

The selection process is governed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. This year’s Panel included Past Presidents, Board of Directors and member volunteers; Anthony DeChellis/Education Committee Chairman/Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton President (Photo: Back row far left), Paul Shewfelt/MCAH Director, Ron Marcotte/Honourary Life Member/Past President (Photo: Back row far right), Bill Patterson/Past President and Kyle Heywood/Education Committee Member. The task, is to select 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. A judging criteria is established, as all applications are given a number with no personal or company names available to the panelist. Each panelist independently submits their selections, without knowing the choices made by other committee members. Since the program’s inception in 1995, managed by the MCAH Education Committee, contractor employer membership dues have funded over \$445,000.00 in awarded scholarships. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

Recipient	Attending	MCAH Member Company
Douglas Cameron	University of Waterloo	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Andrew Forgeron	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Ying Jie (Jenny) Fu	University of China for the fall and Returning to Queens University in the Spring	The Plan Group
Sree Gandhi	University of Western Ontario	Aecon Industrial
Zachary Gilmour	University of Waterloo	Trade Mark Industrial Inc.
Madison Holman	University of Windsor	Alberici Constructors Ltd.
Steven Huisman	Brock University	E.S. Fox Limited
Justina Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Marian Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Allyson Jugloff	Brock University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Brad Lanese	Brock University	E.S. Fox Limited
Gillian Martin	University of Guelph	Gowing Contractors Ltd.
Austin McGreal	Western University	Songer Canada Ltd.
Sierra Pellizzari	University of Western Ontario	Western Plumbing & Heating
Allison Struk	Wilfrid Laurier University	Aecon Industrial
Brittany Struk	McMaster University	Aecon Industrial
Justin Struk	Conestoga College	Aecon Industrial
Julia Taggart	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Benjamin Waller	McMaster University	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Riley Williams	Conestoga College	Aecon Industrial
Victoria Zyma	McMaster University	Student Chapter

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