

## Investing In Youth Leadership - To Date \$424,000.00 Awarded In Student Scholarships “MCAH Construction Industry Employers, Giving Back To Future Generation of Southern Ontario Leaders”

(September 29, 2016 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – Proud to serve Hamilton, Halton, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties, employer company members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH) have just revealed recipients of their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Youth stewardship remains a priority for southern Ontario unionized construction employers, as members fund twenty \$1,000.00 scholarships to exceptional students, who are children of salaried employees of their contractor member companies.

Student scholarship recipients are either entering or currently enrolled in universities or colleges across the globe. The criteria includes; applicants who established an outstanding commitment to their community through volunteerism, leadership development, maintained an exceptional grade average, 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 and divided due to a tie between two lucky recipients!

Education Committee members, Greg Crawford and Simone D'Angelo presented the awards this summer. *“Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year! We continue to witness the necessity to contribute by supporting youth leadership through education. As*

*tuition costs and living expenses remain an investment for every Ontario family, each year we see an increased number of applicants working 2 – 3 part-time jobs as a means to manage their education. Meeting and recognizing the remarkable achievements of these young students will only reinforce their commitment for achievement,” shares Paul Shewfelt, Education Committee Chair.*

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. 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. This year’s Scholarship Selection Committee Panel included Past Presidents, Board of Directors and member volunteers; Education Committee Chair Paul Shewfelt, Honourary Life Member Ron Marcotte, Greg Crawford and Simone D'Angelo. Since the program’s inception in 1995, managed by the MCAH Education Committee, contractor employer membership dues have funded over \$424,000.00 in awarded scholarships. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!



(Photo): 2016 Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Scholarship Recipients are joined by Education Committee/ Scholarship Selection Committee members Simone D'Angelo (far left) and Greg Crawford (far right).

Recipient	Attending	MCAH Member Company
Jacob Armstrong	University of Windsor	E.S. Fox Limited
Bryant Brokenshire	Wilfrid Laurier University	Alberici Constructors Ltd.
Cole Cimek	Brock University	E.S. Fox Limited
Tayler Cimek	Brock University	E.S. Fox Limited
Gillian Crawford	McMaster University	Lancaster Group Inc.
Conor Crump	Student Chapter	McMaster University
Andrew Forgeron	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Sree Gandhi	University of Western Ontario	Aecon Industrial
Kailee Hopkins	Nipissing University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Justina Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Marian Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Sara Jose	Fleming College	E.S. Fox Limited
Allyson Kolapak	Canadian College of Massage & Hydrotherapy	Aecon Industrial
Brad Lanese	Brock University	E.S. Fox Limited
Katya Lemos	McMaster University	Hoffer Mechanical
Thomas Millman	Student Chapter	McMaster University
Gareth Myhal	University of Guelph	Aecon Industrial
Sierra Pellizzari	University of Western Ontario	Western Plumbing & Heating
Jarod Stefaniuk	Humber College	E.S. Fox Limited
Allison Struk	Wilfrid Laurier University	Aecon Industrial
Justin Struk	Conestoga College	Aecon Industrial
Whitley Taggart	Carleton University	Black & McDonald Ltd.

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