

## Mechanical Contractors Association 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Scholarship Awards Exceeds \$344,000.00

SOUTHERN ONTARIO - The Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH) serving members from Hamilton, Halton, Haldimand, Brant, and Norfolk Counties held their 18<sup>th</sup> 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 local area employers who are 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, leadership development 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.



(Photo) - 2012 MCAH Scholarship Recipients

Awards Ceremony Host, MCAH President Lorraine Waller shares, *“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 our recipients this year has been absolutely first rate, both in their academic and community involvement. We are pleased to see so many new faces this year, knowing these students are progressive, optimistic thinkers, who know how to challenge themselves and have the results to prove it. These awards are yet another testament to their discipline and determination.”*

***“I speak on behalf of all the MCAH board of directors when I say that this is an event we look forward to each summer as it gives the MCAH great pride in contributing to our award recipient’s futures in the form of these scholarships.”***

**MCAH President Lorraine Waller**

Each year the Scholarship Selection Committee has the difficult task of selecting only 20 outstanding 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 members included: MCAH Director/ Education Committee Chairman Mike DiLallo, Immediate Past President Paul Shewfelt, MCAH Past President and Honourary Life Member Ron Marcotte, and Education Committee Members Robert Frasca, Glenn Hanson and Rocco DiGiovanni.

The ceremony featured Guest Speakers, Joseph Murphy a former four time award recipient, Entrepreneur and Brock University Business Administration graduate and Bryce Jones MCAH McMaster Student Chapter Past President, McMaster University Mechanical Engineering graduate and former MCA recipient of several national scholarships.

Dr. Stephen Veldhuis, Associate Professor and Director McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute, Department of Mechanical Engineering who is also the Faculty Liaison for the MCAH McMaster Student Chapter presented the Student Chapter Scholarships.

Since the program’s inception in 1995, managed by the MCAH Education Committee, contractor employer membership dues have funded over \$344,000.00 in awarded scholarships. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

2012 Scholarship Recipient	College or University	MCAH Member Company
Dylan Booth	Brock University	Alberici Constructors Ltd.
Freeman Brokenshire	Conestoga College	Aecon Industrial
Kristy Byron	Mohawk College	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Melanie Byron	McMaster University	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Jessica Comeau	McMaster University	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Jacqueline Delconte	Sheridan College	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Ryan Gibson	University of Waterloo	Aecon Industrial
Maxwell Howard	Cambrian College	E.S. Fox Ltd.
Marian Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Kelly Kolapak	University of Western Ontario	Lockerbie Hole Eastern Inc.
Sarah Marion	Queens University	Alberici Constructors Ltd
Jennifer Mertz	University of Guelph	Alberici Constructors Ltd
Kayla Minor	Algonquin College	E.S. Fox Ltd.
Doug Murphy	University of Western Ontario	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
Jeffrey Pellizzari	McMaster University	Western Plumbing and Heating
Christian Sandercott	Carleton University	BML Multitrades Group Ltd.
David Sharpe	Fanshawe College	TESC Contracting Hamilton Ltd.
Leslie Skakun	University of Windsor	Kvaerner North American Construction Ltd.
Shannon Sylvester	University of Toronto	Aecon industrial
Alexis Westerhof	Mohawk College	E.S. Fox Ltd.
Matthew Pinder	McMaster University	MCAH McMaster Student Chapter
Simon Edwards	McMaster University	MCAH McMaster Student Chapter

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