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Insurance Institute announces recipients of 2015 John E. Lowes scholarships

(Toronto, ON – October 28, 2015) The Insurance Institute of Ontario is pleased to announce that Brittany Beatty, Neelam Vyas, Zanoishta Vania and Tanja Maksimovic are the recipients of John E. Lowes Insurance Education Fund Scholarships in 2015.

Established 22 years ago, the John E. Lowes Insurance Education Fund is a charitable trust dedicated to helping Ontario students complete their full-time post-secondary education, including the study of property & casualty insurance.

The fund offers financial assistance in the form of up to four scholarships each year. College level scholarships are worth \$1,500 each and university scholarships are \$2,500 each.

This year's recipients of the John E. Lowes Education Fund are:

Brittany Beatty (Woodstock, ON) – Conestoga College

Beatty has acted as both an ambassador and regional representative for Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID) since 2007. She has a keen interest in auto racing and was Canadian Rookie Karting Series Champion in 2007. She is interested in municipal and commercial lines insurance and aspires to be in underwriting or part of a risk management department.

Neelam Vyas (Markham, ON) – Wilfrid Laurier University

Vyas is vice president of finance for Laurier Investment and Finance Association (LIFA) as well as for Students Offering Support (SOS). Her hobbies include sports, traveling, cooking, baking and learning the guitar. She is interested in pursuing a career as a broker (based on her co-op experience at Aon) or in an underwriting role.

Zanoishta Vania (London, ON) – Fanshawe College

Vania is a mature student who has a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Western Ontario. She volunteers at the college food bank twice a week and acts as a peer note taker for students unable to take notes for accessibility reasons. She is interested in pursuing a career in underwriting or as a broker, and can envision teaching insurance because of her previous background in education.

Tanja Maksimovic (Cambridge, ON) – Conestoga College

Maksimovic participated in the English Conversation Partners Program, which supports international students learning English in social situations. She did a co-op assignment at Gore Mutual Insurance Company as a claims advisor. In the future, she wishes to work in the claims field, then go to law school and practice in insurance law.

The recipients were recognized at the Lowes Fund Breakfast on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 in Toronto.

Recipients of John E. Lowes Insurance Education Fund Scholarships are selected in consideration of outstanding academic excellence throughout their educational career, exceptional contribution to school, community life and/or other meaningful pursuits, major accomplishments and a strong indication of academic promise.

***John E. Lowes, BA, FIIC, CIB (Ontario)** was a founding partner of Irwin, Sargent & Lowes Insurance Brokers in Peterborough, Ontario. He was a Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Insurance Institute of Canada, a President of the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario and a President of the Insurance Institute of Ontario. This foundation is named in his honour as a tribute to his continuing dedication to professionalism in the property & casualty industry.*

***About the Insurance Institute of Ontario:** The Insurance Institute of Ontario, operating under the umbrella of The Insurance Institute of Canada, is a not-for-profit organization representing more than 20,000 members. The Institute is the premier provider of educational products and services, such as the Chartered Insurance Professional (CIP) and Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional (FCIP) designation programs, to the general insurance industry. Our programs are consistent with the standardized curriculum we offer across Canada in both English and French.*

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