

# Youth Investment Program Celebrates 25 Years

*"To Date \$485,000.00 Awarded On Behalf Of Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara Construction Employers"*



Photo: 2019 Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara Scholarship Awards Recipients

(October 29, 2019 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – Local construction employers should take pride, as their Annual Scholarship Awards legacy program marks its 25<sup>th</sup> year of supporting the future success of today's young professionals.

Worthy of igniting more than a little inspiration, Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara (MCAHN) employer member contributions fund up to twenty \$1,000 scholarships to exceptional students, who are children of salaried employees of their contractor member companies. Student scholarship recipients are ambitious in nature as they are entering or currently enrolled in universities or colleges across the world. The selection criteria includes; young applicants who maintained an exceptional grade average, established an outstanding commitment to their community through leadership, volunteerism, overcoming obstacles, and

demonstrated interest in the mechanical contracting industry or their chosen field of study.

*"Through this process, we meet insightful young leaders who are building a path forward to live their best life possible while elevating their own environments,"* shares Wanda Heimbecker Association Manager, Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara (MCAHN). Since 1995, an education investment geared to support young professionals continues to generate significant interest within this southern Ontario unionized construction employer network, proudly serving Hamilton, Niagara, Halton, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk Counties. The MCA Hamilton Niagara McMaster University Student Chapter \$1,000 Scholarship managed by Dr. Stephen Veldhuis, Associate Professor and Director McMaster Manufacturing Research Institute, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering is also awarded. This year a tie introduced two lucky recipients, Jason Dales and Kristin Bennett.



Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara President/Education Committee Chair, Anthony DeChellis remarks, *"We take pride in our legacy program commitment. Our employers are not only building safe communities but investing in our next generation of professionals representing an integrated approach to achieving and recognizing performance excellence."* This year's Scholarship Selection Committee involved Past Presidents, MCAHN Board of Directors and member volunteers, Honourary Life Member Ron Marcotte, Past President Bill Patterson, Education Committee Chairman/Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara President Anthony DeChellis, MCAHN Director, Scott Wright, and Contractor/Education Committee Member Kyle Heywood. A discreet numbered judging criteria is established, where each panelist independently submits their selections, without knowing the choices made by other committee members.

Kristin Bennett was also presented with the 1<sup>st</sup> Women in Mechanical Construction \$1,000 Scholarship sponsored by the Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton Niagara [www.wimc.ca](http://www.wimc.ca) MCAHN Director/McMaster University Committee Chair, Kyle Getty presented the award in conjunction with the Construction Education Council and Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC). This award emphasizes the importance of education and the desire to encourage women to enter the mechanical contracting industry while recognizing individuals who attain a high level of academic achievement



Since the program's inception in 1995, managed by the MCAHN Education Committee, contractor employer remittance dues have funded over \$485,000.00 in awarded scholarships to Southern Ontario students. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

2019 Scholarship Recipient	College or University	MCAHN Member Company
Justina Ibrahim	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	Matrix NAC Ltd.
Julia Taggart	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Thomas Macdonald	University of Guelph	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Allison Struk	Wilfrid Laurier University	Aecon Industrial
Justin Struk	Conestoga College	Aecon Industrial
Brittany Struk	McMaster University	Aecon Industrial
Shelby Wilson	University of Waterloo	E.S. Fox Limited
Rachel DeGasperis	University of Toronto	E.S. Fox Limited
Manuel Lemos	McMaster University	Hoffer Mechanical
Sydney Kalyn	McGill University	Bramkal Contractors
Aiden Brokenshire	McGill University	Alberici Constructors Ltd.
Bryan Marr	University of Ottawa	E.S. Fox Limited
Jacob Pellizzari	University of Toronto	Western Plumbing & Heating
Sierra Pellizzari	University of Western Ontario	Western Plumbing & Heating
Jayden Fernandes	Mohawk College	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Allyson Jugloff	Brock University	Black & McDonald Ltd.
Christine Yaromich	University of Toronto	E.S. Fox Limited
Taylor Campbell	Wilfrid Laurier University	Aecon Industrial
Kristin Bennett	McMaster University	Student Chapter
Jason Dales	McMaster University	Student Chapter

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