

## BALCOM AND DEGOOYER NAMED SCHULICH LEADERS

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Two Nova Scotian students have been named Schulich leaders, winning an all-expense-paid ticket to complete their undergraduate degree.~

Incoming engineering students Becky Balcom and Jack deGooyer have been awarded \$80,000 each as recipients of the 2016 Schulich Leader Scholarship.



Becky Balcom

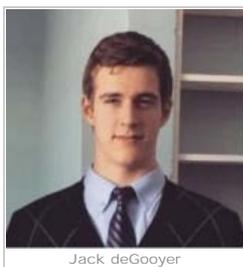
When school starts this September, Balcom, a Wolfville native who attended Horton High School, will head to Kingston, Ont. as she attends Queen's University.

Meanwhile, Hammonds Plains native deGooyer, who attended Charles P. Allen High School, is staying close to home as he heads to Dalhousie University.

"It is very important that we support exceptional students that demonstrate great leadership and embrace (science, technology, engineering or math) fields," said scholarship founder Seymour Schulich in a release.

"It is an investment not only in their future, but the future of our country. Their pursuits are sure to lead to key innovations in the years ahead."

Established by the businessman and philanthropist in 2011, the \$100-million scholarship fund supports exceptional high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or math undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel.



Jack deGooyer

The program awarded 50 scholarships in Canada this year, dishing out a total of \$2 million for 25 engineering scholarships, valued at \$80,000 each, as well as \$1.5 million for 25 science, technology or math scholarships, valued at \$60,000 each.

Schulich Foundation media spokesperson David Goodman says the money is so students can devote their full time and attention to their studies, as financial needs are covered over the course of their degree.

"In most cases it's put in the student's account within the university so they can apply it towards tuition and the balance would go towards living costs," said Goodman.

"It's \$15,000 or \$20,000 annually for four years, so seeing as how

most tuition rates at our participating universities are well below that, the balance is used for their living costs."

Each year, faculty from every Canadian high school may submit one Schulich leader nominee who demonstrates at least two required attributes, including academic excellence, leadership or financial need.

Participating universities then select scholarship recipients from the nominees who applied to their school.

Goodman says the University of Waterloo was the most desirable school for Schulich leader nominees this year, attracting nearly 400 applications.

Balcom, who was nominated by Horton High guidance counsellor George Armstrong, beat out roughly 350 of the Canada's top high school graduates to receive her scholarship at Queen's.

DeGooyer, who was nominated by Charles P. Allen guidance counsellor Tim O'Reilly, was up against 112 applicants completing for the scholarship at Dalhousie.

The Schulich Foundation will begin accepting nominations for the 2017 program next month.

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