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University of Waterloo welcomes Schulich Leaders into STEM programs

Waterloo - Four incoming first-year students at the University of Waterloo are recipients of Schulich Leader Scholarships, which encourage high school graduates to embrace science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines in their future careers.

Scholarship winners are known as Schulich Leaders and receive between \$60,000 and \$80,000 towards their university education. The University of Waterloo has been home to 14 Schulich Leaders in the past five years.

"Schulich continues to expand participation in STEM and provides a platform for gender equity, with 58 per cent of the award winners being female," said Feridun Hamdullahpur, president and vice-chancellor of Waterloo. "We are committed to increasing our female enrolment in STEM outreach programs by 33 per cent by 2020, and this awards program helps us further that goal."

The following are the University of Waterloo's 2016 Schulich Leaders:

- Mackenzie Collins, Bay Roberts, N.L.: Biomedical Engineering, \$80,000
- Colin Daly, Hamilton, Ont.: Software Engineering, \$80,000
- Emma Paynter, Albany, P.E.I., Science and Aviation, \$60,000
- Kyne Santos, Kitchener, Ont.: Mathematics, \$60,000

"It is very important that we support exceptional students that demonstrate great leadership and embrace STEM fields," said Seymour Schulich, founder, Schulich Leader Scholarships. "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."

Open to every high school, secondary school and CEGEP across Canada, Schulich Leader Scholarships recognize Canadian students who plan to study one of the STEM disciplines during their undergraduate years at university. These students demonstrate two of the following attributes: academic excellence, outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership or financial need.



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