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BRIEFS: Engineering students at your service

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Queen's University engineering students are back for another year helping seniors and others keep their homes clean and repaired.

The Queen's Engineering Society annual Fix 'n' Clean is coming up on Oct. 3 and 4.

On that weekend, engineering students will volunteer their time to help those who may need help in the Kingston community.

Some of the tasks include painting, yard work, moving furniture and other household chores.

Work shifts are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on both days.

Anyone interested in taking up the engineers' services can contact Emma Kahansky, the Fix 'n' Clean event co-ordinator by email at fixnclean@engsoc.queensu.ca or by calling 613-533-6008.

The caller should leave their name, the task needed to be done, the address and preferable shifts.

Mayor encourages help for refugees

Mayor Bryan Paterson is calling for a local response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

In a statement Friday, Paterson encouraged residents to support local efforts by Save a Family from Syria to settle Syrian families in Kingston.

"Kingston is a welcoming and generous community that has the opportunity to play a role in supporting Syrian families," Paterson said in the statement. "I encourage those who want to help to reach out to Save a Family from Syria. Together we can provide a new start, new opportunities and a welcoming home for families in need of support."

In 2014, Save a Family from Syria raised \$70,000 and successfully resettled a Syrian refugee family in Kingston and is expecting a second family at the end of this month.

The cost for resettling a family in Kingston is about \$40,000.

Funds donated cover the costs of resettlement, living accommodations, clothing, medical attention and help family members become employment-ready.

"Kingston is an excellent place to bring Syrian families. We have all the resources in place to support them in building their new lives," said Cheryl Bird, Save a Family from Syria committee member. "Our community is warm and welcoming. We have seen this in the generosity shown already in bringing two families to our community and the continued outpouring of support to sponsor more families."

The group can be contacted by email at info@savefamilyfromsyria.org.

Donations can be made online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/fourriverspresbytery.

  s students receive scholarships

 Four Queen's University students are starting off the year with a financial boost as recipients of the Schulich Leader Scholarships. Two will receive \$60,000 while the other two will receive \$80,000. All four are studying in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

 "We are thankful and proud the Schulich Leader Scholarships has provided this substantial gift to the Queen's community," Queen's principal Daniel Woolf said. "It's and another testament to Seymour Schulich's strong commitment to higher education and scholarship, and to the nurturing of the next generation of Canadian leaders. Queen's and the Schulich Leader Scholarships have a shared vision -- both organizations are trying to create the leaders of tomorrow."

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The four Queen's University Schulich Leader Scholars this fall are Lin Wei Tung (Chilliwick, B.C.), Mary Hickox (Stratford, P.E.I.), Sandra Chan (Calgary) and Sandra Smeltzer (Harrow, Ont.).

Schulich's scholarship program encourages students to embrace STEM disciplines. "Fostering leadership in STEM fields is vital to Canada's economic prosperity," Schulich said. "It is immensely important to invest in the next generation of technology innovators as they develop and hone their minds and skills to contribute to our national and global community. This country has already produced exceptional Schulich Leaders since its founding in 2011."

At a value of \$5 million, the Schulich Leader Scholarships awards 100 scholarships annually: 50 in Canada and 50 in Israel.

The deadline for next year's nominations is Feb. 2, 2016.

Every high school across Canada is allowed to submit one student as a Schulich Leader nominee, with students completing their formal application by Feb. 23, 2016.

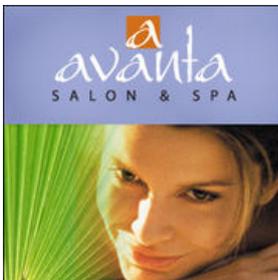
For more information, contact Michael Onesi, advancement communications officer, at 613-533-6000, ext. 78063, or email onesim@queensu.ca.

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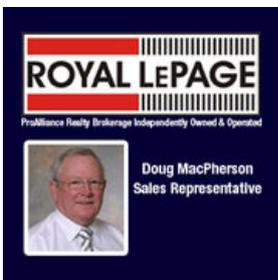
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