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## Two Calgary students named Schulich Leaders

**New University of Calgary students recognized for outstanding leadership and academic excellence**

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The University of Calgary is excited to welcome two recipients of the prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarships. Lauren Hebert and Janica Echavez, both of whom begin their studies at University of Calgary in September, are among a group of 40 talented Canadian high school students selected as Schulich leaders for 2014.

As recipients of the Schulich Leader Scholarships, Hebert will receive \$60,000 and Echavez will receive \$80,000 over four-years to study at the University of Calgary. Hebert and Echavez are set to begin their orientation week at the University of Calgary on Tuesday.

Hebert, a graduate of West Island College in Calgary, was admitted into the Bachelor of Health Sciences program in the Cumming School of Medicine.

Hebert's passion has always been medicine, and it has helped shape her current course.

"I have always believed in the idea that following your passion will lead you to your purpose," said Hebert.

She volunteers at the Alberta Children's Hospital as a member of the Child and Youth Advisory Council. She is also a part of the Citizen Advisory Team at the South Health Campus. Additionally, she has been an active member of the Health Sciences Institute at her high school, which encourages students to pursue careers in the medical field.

Her eventual goal is to pursue a career in medicine, although she is happy to explore options before determining exactly what path she will take.

Echavez, a graduate of Father Lacombe High School in Calgary, has been admitted to the Schulich School of Engineering. Deeply passionate about design, functionality and motion, her goal is to major in mechanical engineering. Her career interests include developing sustainable technologies, addressing the growing demand for energy and learning more about quantum physics and robotics.

Originally from the Philippines, the talented student has always been heavily involved in her community. In the Philippines, she was the editor-in-chief of the Sacred Heart School- Hijas de Jesus school paper and an officer in the school's robotics/programming club. Through the Citizen's Advancement Training program, she also took part in community projects such as coastal clean-ups and tree planting projects.

She shows that same spirit of community here in Canada. Echavez is a mentor for the Calgary Bridge Foundation and the Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, and she volunteers her time for numerous causes, fundraisers and initiatives.

"The Schulich Leader Scholarships represent an incredible opportunity for Lauren and Janica," said Susan Barker, vice-provost (student experience) at the University of Calgary. "The energy, drive and commitment they show to their communities is an inspiration and I wish them the greatest success."

"The University of Calgary will be an excellent fit for them as they pursue their academic goals and interests."

The Schulich Leader Scholarship program is the brainchild of Canadian business leader and philanthropist Seymour Schulich. Schulich's dream is to ensure that future Canadian leaders are among the next pioneers of global scientific research and innovation.

"Fostering leadership in science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields is vital to Canada's economic prosperity," said Seymour Schulich. "A scholarship of this size will motivate high school students from across the country to pursue their dream and in the process help to ensure our country's competitive position. This scholarship, now in its third year, has positively impacted 120 students from across the country in 10 provinces distributing more than \$7.6 million to Canadian Schulich Leaders since 2012."

Additional information can be found at <http://schulichleaders.com>



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