

## **Drafted for Nova Scotia Community College: First-ever J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited Award presented to local high school student**

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(Halifax), NS - Hillary Murphy wants to change the world. NSCC and the Construction Association of Nova Scotia (CANS) will make sure she gets the chance. Hillary is the first student to benefit from the CANS 150th Anniversary Industry Campaign to raise \$2.5 million for students entering or continuing in a construction-related program at NSCC.

The goal of reaching that target is well underway. As of June 2008, members of CANS and industry organizations have contributed \$932,000 to the NSCC Foundation for student awards and bursaries.

Jack Eisener is proud to be one of those contributors, donating an endowment of \$25,000 to the NSCC Foundation on behalf of his company, J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited. This guarantees an annual bursary will be available for students entering construction-related programs at NSCC. This helps reduce the financial strain of pursuing education and also helps the construction industry meet the need for skilled workers.

Eisener says, "The best feeling you can give a student like Hillary is the recognition that someone appreciates their efforts and is willing to give them some support to enter their career of choice."

An environmentally conscious student, Murphy is excited her career will help the earth. She will enter the Environmental Engineering Technology - Water Resources program at NSCC in September 2008. "I want to contribute to improving the world and when I saw this program, I knew it would be a perfect fit for me," she explains.

The two-year curriculum prepares students for a career as an engineering technologist, training in the management, protection, development and use of water as an essential resource.

"CANS members like J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited are contributing directly to student success," says NSCC Foundation Chair, Steve Rankin. "CANS, their industry partners and students make this an extraordinary partnership for students and construction occupations throughout Nova Scotia."

Murphy says the \$1,000 bursary is greatly appreciated. "I want to thank Jack Eisener and CANS for their support - it is truly an honour to be the first to receive this award and I hope lots of students will benefit in years to come."

Hillary's hope is certain to be realized given the tremendous response to date by CANS members. Future support will ensure many more students have the chance to pursue rewarding construction-related careers.

#### About the NSCC Foundation

The NSCC Foundation, established in 2001, manages the charitable affairs of NSCC. Volunteers and staff assist in the advancement of education by providing financial support to the College. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of community leaders and is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency; guides its operations with the principles of the International Donor Bill of Rights; and is a registered non-profit organization with the Government of Nova Scotia.