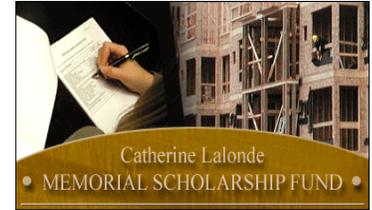


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2013 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Ottawa, ON, December 18, 2013 – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship:

- **Shawn Kennedy from Laval University**, *Department of Wood Science*, for his thesis on the use of traditional types of fasteners in CLT. The work will facilitate the use of CLT by providing design provisions for connections in CSA-O86 Engineering Design in Wood.
- **Dani Lalonde and Jade Getz from the University of Calgary**, *Master of Architecture Program*, for their proposed project which focuses on designing a cultural center for the Aboriginal People of Canada using sustainably harvested spruce thus creating a direct connection to the natural world while representing Canadian heritage.

Shawn was presented with the 2013 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship at the Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Awards Gala on November 13th in Toronto. Dani and Jade were presented the scholarships at the Prairie Gala on November 27th in Edmonton. The Ontario and Prairie Award Galas drew in close to 500 architects, engineers and builders from some of the finest design and construction firms.

The Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to encourage the search for innovative solutions for the use of wood in construction and is awarded yearly to a graduate student who demonstrates excellence in their studies of structural wood or wood design.

Catherine, a professional engineer, was a passionate representative of our industry who relentlessly championed the use of wood in residential and commercial construction. She was president of the CWC from 2000 to 2003, when sadly she lost her battle with breast cancer. This award was created to honour Catherine's memory and to perpetuate the legacy she left to the Canadian forest products industry.

The goal of the Memorial Scholarship is to recognize a graduate student from a Canadian university who best exemplifies Catherine's passion for wood and wood products. The recipient must demonstrate academic excellence and be involved in a research project that will have positive influences on the structural wood products industry. This year marked the 10 year anniversary of the Catherine Lalonde Scholarship. To commemorate this, CWC granted two scholarships.

"In our opinion, this year's submissions embrace closely what Catherine was all about: excellence, dedication, and balance," said Etienne Lalonde, Vice-President of Market Development at CWC.



Photo (left to right): **Marianne Berube**, Ontario Wood *WORKS!* Executive Director, **Etienne Lalonde**, VP Market Development CWC and **Shawn Kennedy**, Scholarship Recipient;



Photo (left to right: Associate Minister **George VanderBurg**, **Jade Getz** and **Dani Lalonde**, Scholarship Recipients, Etienne Lalonde, VP Market Development CWC and Minister **Wayne Drysdale**

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