



## **Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarships Awarded** *Students Share Legacy's Passion for Wood Industry Innovation*

**Ottawa, ON, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** – The Canadian Wood Council (CWC) awarded two student recipients as part of the 2016 Catherine Lalonde Memorial Scholarship - Sarah Stevenson (Western University) and Daniel Lacroix (University of Ottawa); who demonstrated academic excellence through research projects that will have positive influences on the structural wood products industry.

Established thirteen years ago, the memorial scholarship is awarded yearly to graduate students whose wood research exemplifies the same level of passion that Catherine Lalonde championed relentlessly for the wood/wood products industry as a professional engineer and president of the CWC.

- **Sarah Stevenson- Western University** – Recognized for her Masters in Engineering Science thesis which aims to model the behavior of wood-framed residential structures in extreme wind events.
- **Daniel Lacroix – University of Ottawa** – Recognized for his doctoral research which investigates the behavior of glulam beam and column structural elements subjected to simulated blast loading and potential glulam reinforcement options.

“The winning scholarship recipients’ submissions exemplify the level of enthusiasm and expertise that Catherine Lalonde encouraged and inspired within our industry.” explained Etienne Lalonde, VP of Market Development for CWC and Wood *WORKS!* National Director. “Her legacy lives on through initiatives such as the memorial scholarship, and we are happy to celebrate and recognize future practitioners that share her passion for wood construction.”

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From left to right - Etienne Lalonde (CWC VP, Market Development & Wood *Works!* National Director), Sarah Stevenson (Western University) and Daniel Lacroix (University of Ottawa).

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