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2015 Scholars Honoured at the ATHENA Scholarship Luncheon

“What is honoured in a country will be cultivated there.”--Plato

(WINDSOR, ON) The ATHENA Scholarship Fund (Windsor) and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that the **16th Annual ATHENA Scholarship Luncheon** will take place **Friday, October 23, 2015** at 11:30 a.m. at the G. Caboto Club.

Guest speaker for this year’s luncheon is **Patti France**, President of St. Clair College. Her presentation is titled “Finding a Balance between Work & Self”.

The luncheon will also spotlight three local young scholars who will be presented with their official ATHENA Scholarship Awards. This year’s recipients are: **Sarah Davidson, Jordynne Ropat and Sara Santarossa.**

Sarah Davidson has maintained an excellent academic record with a passion for helping others in the community and abroad. She completed her Honours BA in International Relations & Development Studies at the University of Windsor in 2010. She developed a passion for public health when she travelled to Cape Town, South Africa to volunteer in the Golden Future South Africa Project. Sarah’s commitment to community includes Co-Chair of the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Committee and Workforce Windsor-Essex and WEtech Alliance. Her leadership qualities were recognized in 2014 when she received the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Rising Leader of the Year Award. This fall she is graduating with a Master of Public Health from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at Western University. This ATHENA scholar looks forward to a career in improving health outcomes of women.

Jordynne Ropat not only excels academically but also works tirelessly as a community advocate in caring for others and bettering their lives. She graduated with Great Distinction from the University of Windsor with an Honours Bachelor of Science majoring in Behaviour, Cognition and Neuroscience. She was awarded the President’s Medal at the 2014 Convocation in recognition of her significant contributions to campus and community activities while maintaining a superior academic record. Jordynne was the Founder/President of the University of Windsor’s Mental Health Awareness Program and a mentor on campus. She is currently studying at Western University to obtain her Master of Science in

Neuroscience. Jordynne exemplifies the ATHENA spirit with her desire to become a clinician-researcher specializing in neuroscience so that she can change the way people view mental health and to inspire other women.

Sara Santarossa has an outstanding academic record while serving as a student leader and mentor. She completed her Honours Bachelor of Human Kinetics in 2013 and Master of Human Kinetics in 2015 at the University of Windsor. Sara was recognized for her leadership contributions in receiving the Margery Holman Legacy Award for Gender in Sport. Her passion for health promotion includes her mentoring in organizations such as Leadership Advancement for Women & Sport, Kinect-Ed and YMCA. Sara started her doctoral studies in Kinesiology at the University of Windsor this fall. Her career aspiration is to become a professor so she can continue her research on the impact social media can have on body image and self-esteem. Dr. Linda McKay, in whose memory her ATHENA scholarship is named, would be proud of this outstanding student leader and female role model.

Selection criteria for this scholarship program include community involvement, potential for leadership, demonstrated excellence and academic standing. The scholarships are valued at \$5,000 each. The scholarship recipients will be on hand to make a brief presentation about their educational experience and career aspirations. Also, former Scholarship Recipients have been invited to attend the Luncheon to join in the celebration.

According to Loretta Stoyka, President of the ATHENA Scholarship Fund (Windsor), this scholarship program is in keeping with the ATHENA philosophy, which maintains that by elevating people with potential and solid values, they will be exceptional role models. It is believed by example that others will be inspired to achieve excellence. Windsor is at the forefront of the scholarship program and continues to make improvements to the opportunity each year.

The ATHENA Scholarship Program is generously sponsored by Valiant, University of Windsor, Windsor Family Credit Union, Anne and Clare E. Winterbottom, Loris Macor, Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair, Generator Design and Roth, Mosey & Partners LLP. The ATHENA Luncheon has media sponsors AM800 CKLW, TVCOGECO and The Windsor Star.

This year's ATHENA Scholarship Luncheon will be held on **Friday, October 23, 2015 at the G. Caboto Club** with a reception at 11:30 a.m., luncheon program at 12 noon, concluding at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$40 for adults and \$25 for students (HST included). To register call the Chamber at (519)966-3696 or register online by visiting the Chamber's website at www.windsorchamber.org. For further information about the ATHENA Scholarship Luncheon and Program, please contact Sue Zanin, Chair of the Athena Scholarship Committee at 519-252-7939.