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Trade & Technology Scholarships Opening Doors for Women in Newfoundland and Labrador

St. John's, NL (September 11, 2019) – Scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to six female students entering their first year of a skilled trades or technology program across the province this week. Women in Resource Development Corporation (WRDC) and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) are pleased to present scholarships to recipients of this year's Trades & Technology Scholarships for Women on September 11 and 12, 2019.

"WRDC is happy to partner once again with Hydro on this initiative. The scholarships support our organization's mandate to increase women's participation in trades and technology, and provide much needed financial support to female students enrolled in trades or technology programs," stated Cheri Butt, Chief Executive Officer of WRDC.

The Trades and Technology Scholarships for Women were designed to help with the financial challenges full-time female students can face during their first-year studies in trades and technology programs. The diverse group of scholarship recipients are full-time students pursuing exciting careers in programs such as Powerline Technician, Construction Industrial Electrician, Civil Engineering Technology, Electronic Systems Engineering Technology, and Environmental Engineering Technology.

"We recognize that women are often under-represented in many technical roles and skilled trades," said Jennifer Williams, President of Hydro. "We're proud to be part of this scholarship program again this year, and to support these women from across the province as they pursue successful careers in trades and technology."

Victoria Maloney, one of the successful recipients, is a Civil Engineering Technology student from Witless Bay enrolled at College of the North Atlantic (CNA) Ridge Road campus. "Stepping into this engineering field, it is nice to know that someone is supporting you in your decisions and backing you along the way," Victoria said. "I want to thank everyone who took part in this scholarship as you are not only helping me achieve my goals but driving me towards my utmost potential."

Danielle Mills is enrolled in the Construction Industrial Electrician program at CNA, Corner Brook campus and is another successful recipient. Danielle said, "[the scholarship] has eased the burden of the overload of book, tuition and equipment fees. I will now be able to take more time to focus on my education and career instead of focusing on the burden of not having enough money."

The recipients and their courses of study include:

Shelby Normore - Construction Industrial Electrician;

Kayla Carroll - Powerline Technician;

Mackenzie Taylor – Electronics Systems Engineering Technology;

Danielle Mills – Construction Industrial Electrician;

Velisity (Lilly) Bennett – Environmental Engineering Technology; and

Victoria Maloney – Civil Engineering Technology.

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Women in Resource Development Corporation (WRDC) is a provincial non-profit organization committed to increasing women's participation in trades and technology since 1997. With both private and public funding, WRDC, and its Educational Resource Center (ERC), offer a variety of programs and services to address the challenges surrounding the attraction, recruitment, retention, and advancement of women in these sectors.

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