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### **Winners named in the 2014 BCRSP Scholarship Program**

Mississauga, ON, March 17, 2014 – The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) is pleased to announce the two scholarship winners for 2014. Congratulations to Ms. Lisa Lowndes and Mr. Hassan Siddiqui both from Ryerson University's Bachelor of Applied Science – Occupational Health and Safety Program. Ms. Lowndes and Mr. Siddiqui were selected out of a group of ten (10) eligible submissions and will each receive a \$4,000 scholarship. All eligible submissions were reviewed and judged by the BCRSP's Scholarship Review Committee.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to enable students to enter the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) profession in support of creating the healthiest and safest workplaces in the world, to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students in OHS, and to raise awareness of the CRSP certification amongst OHS students and faculty.

Awarded annually, the two (2) \$4,000 national scholarships were made available to students enrolled, either full-time or part-time, in a two, three or four year OHS related program leading to an OHS certificate, diploma or degree at the undergraduate level. In addition to the cash scholarship of \$4,000, a credit coupon will be issued in the name of each winner for the value of the CRSP Application Fee. This coupon is valid for a period of one year after a scholarship recipient meets the three-year experience eligibility requirement.

Ms. Lowndes and Mr. Siddiqui met the scholarship's eligibility requirements and excelled in their grades including the mandatory word essay on a topic chosen by the BCRSP. The essays of both winners will be published on the BCRSP website. In recognition of each of the respective programs that Ms. Lowndes and Mr. Siddiqui attended, the BCRSP will also present a \$1,000 award to Ryerson University's Occupational Health and Safety Program.

The BCRSP's Scholarship Review Committee offered some insight in their decision on the essay submissions. "Both of the contest winners had well thought out, well written responses. By focusing on the ethical obligations of an organization and the cost benefits of an OHS program the winners demonstrated a thorough understanding of how an OHS professional's skills increase the value of an organization by offering a competitive advantage and increased profitability" stated Adrian Goodburn, CRSP. Scholarship committee member, Mark Wasney, CRSP also commented "Lisa and Hassan's submission's both stood out from the field. Both essays were clear, succinct, and well thought-out."

The BCRSP hopes that this award will encourage and assist other students to enroll in the scholarship program and also bring awareness of the health and safety professional in today's workplace.

### **About the BCRSP**

The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) is a federally incorporated self-regulating, self-governing, ISO 17024 accredited and ISO 9001 certified organisation established in 1976. The BCRSP sets the standard for the certification of occupational health and safety professionals in Canada to create the healthiest and safest workplaces in the world. Professionalism, high standards, continuous learning, and an established Code of Ethics drive the BCRSP. The BCRSP grants the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP)<sup>®</sup> designation to individuals who successfully complete the certification process through application assessment, interview and examination. The Board governs its certificants in order that the public interest may be served and protected.

For more information on the BCRSP visit the website at [www.bcrsp.ca](http://www.bcrsp.ca)

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