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## MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

Winnipeg, August 21, 2009 – Nine deserving individuals were awarded scholarships by the Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) at their annual Scholarship Presentation Luncheon held yesterday.

For the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, these scholarships have been offered by the MTA to member employees and their dependants, in an effort to recognize the contribution of member firms to the trucking industry. The scholarships are offered in two categories: Academic awards and Apprenticeship awards.

The winners of the Academic Scholarships were Sara Janssen (Canadian Freightways), Serena Klippenstein (Kenworth Custom Truck Sales), Eric Williams (Arnold Bros). The recipient of the Winnipeg Transportation Club Scholarship is Justin Blagden (Bison Transport), and Anton Kapustin is the winner of the Edward Ewanochko Scholarship (TransX). Winner of the *Level 1 Transport Trailer Mechanic* award is Barry Biswanger (of Kleysen Transportation Solutions) and Tim Janzen is the recipient of the *Level 1 Transport Truck Mechanic* award (Maxim Truck and Trailer). The *Level 2 Transport Truck Mechanic* award winner is Ronnie Bennett (Maxim Truck and Trailer), and the *Level 2 Transport Trailer Mechanic* award goes to Andrew Pries (Big Freight Systems).

Academic scholarships are awarded to applicants that have the highest overall average in 4-40S subjects. The apprenticeship scholarships are awarded to the top Level 1 and Level 2 graduates in the Transport Truck Mechanic and Trailer Mechanic Apprenticeship program. The continued fundraising efforts and the support to the future of the trucking industry by the Associated Trades Division and the Vehicle Maintenance Council allows these scholarships to be offered through the MTA every year. The Associated Trades Division generously sponsors the scholarship awards in the amount of \$1000 each, as well as two Level 2 apprenticeship awards, also in the amount of \$1000 each. The Vehicle Maintenance Council sponsors two awards in the amount of \$500 each, plus a \$500 gift certificate for Brookside Tool Sales to apprentices in the Level 1 Transport Truck Mechanic and Transport Trailer Mechanic Apprenticeships program.

In addition, the Edward M. Ewanochko Transportation Scholarship was created in honour of Edward Ewanochko, a seminal figure in the development of transportation risk management programs in Manitoba, to promote professional growth within the truck transportation industry. The Winnipeg Transportation Club Scholarship award is provided to assist students either planning to study or already pursuing post-secondary education in a field related to the transportation industry. The selection of these two scholarship recipients is based on a combination of academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

The Manitoba Trucking Association offers these scholarships in its continued efforts to make the residents of Manitoba aware of the importance of the trucking industry. Not only do trucking industry employees provide transportation services to almost every community in Manitoba, they also live in them, making trucking an integral part of the social fabric of Manitoba. In Manitoba, approximately 32,000 people are employed either directly or indirectly within our industry. Two of this year's scholarship recipients are from rural Manitoba.