

# A W A R D S

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he “exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism.”

According to the governor general’s office, “he has been steadfast in his commitment to enhancing the quality of life of his fellow citizens. For over 30 years, he has assisted a myriad of organizations in Renfrew

County to sustain a vital and engaged community.” Over the past three decades, Blackstein has been a catalyst for and a project leader on a number of large-team community projects, including the City of Pembroke’s waterfront redevelopment and a fundraising campaign for the Miramichi Lodge, a long-term care facility in Renfrew County. Blackstein was awarded the Ontario Professional Engineers Citizenship Award in 1995 for his volunteer service and credits that award for paving the way to his Order of Canada nomination.

Two Ontario engineers were honoured recently at McMaster University’s third annual Applause and Accolades Awards Gala for their contributions to engineering, the community, and McMaster University. **Joseph Ng, P.Eng.**, president of Hamilton-based JNE Consulting Ltd., was presented with the McMaster University Faculty of Engineering Leadership Award to recognize his continued support of the faculty and its initiatives. **Michael Pley, P.Eng.**, president of Cambridge-based COM DEV International, was presented with the L.W. Shemilt Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award, a new award established to recognize the contributions of leading faculty alumni.

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neer, recently received the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada’s (ACEC) Chairman’s Award for their “special contribution to the consulting engineer industry,” at the ACEC’s Summit and Annual Conference in St. John’s, Newfoundland. Specifically, the award was presented to them for their efforts in developing the *InfraGuide “Best Practice” for Selecting a Professional Consultant*, a document that promotes quality-based selection as the best practice for the procurement of engineering services. Gamble is president of Consulting Engineers of Ontario and chair of the ACEC Procurement Task Force; Steeves is a past ACEC chair.

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation (CEMF), an organization dedicated to assisting young women enter the engineering profession, has announced its undergraduate scholarship recipients for 2006. Selected from applications from across Canada, the scholarships went to **Melanie Mullen**, University of Guelph, and **Laura Harms Kennett**, Lakehead University—young women who have demonstrated strong leadership abilities and dedication to extracurricular and volunteer activities in their communities.

## Call for Applications

AMEC, a project management and services company, and IBM have partnered with CEMF to offer new scholarships to women across Canada. AMEC is offering a \$10,000 Masters Scholarship in Engineering, and an undergraduate Scholarship in Engineering for Aboriginal Women worth \$5,000. IBM is offering \$2,500 IBM Canada Undergraduate Engineering Scholarships. Criteria and guidelines may be found at [www.cemf.ca](http://www.cemf.ca) or by calling 866-883-2363. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 20, 2006.

The 2006 Design Exchange Awards is now accepting project entries in the “engineering” category. Information is available at [www.dx.org/dxa/index.html](http://www.dx.org/dxa/index.html). Entries are due by October 6, 2006. ◆



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