

ONTARIO ENGINEERS RECEIVE TOP AWARDS

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Shiping Zhu, P.Eng., chemical engineering professor, McMaster University, has been named a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the country's highest academic honour. A world leader in polymer reaction engineering, Zhu's contributions range from developing new plastics to better approaches for preventing rejection of implanted plastic materials. The Royal Society of Canada was founded in 1882 and comprises the academies of arts, humanities and sciences of Canada. Its mission is to recognize scholarly research and artistic excellence.

Anne Sado, P.Eng., president, George Brown College, and Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., FEC, principal, Bergeron Consulting, and PEO past president, are two of the 2014 Top 25 Women of Influence presented by Women of Influence Inc., a leading organization dedicated to the advancement of women in North America. Sado is honoured in the public sector category, Bergeron in the professional services category. To celebrate their achievements, Sado and Bergeron will be profiled in the winter issue of *Women of Influence* magazine and honoured at a luncheon headlined by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. The Top 25 ranking showcases the achievements of senior executives who have made a significant difference and are leaders in their fields: "These women serve as important role models for future female leaders across Canada," says the press release. Now in its fourth year, the Top 25 Women of Influence selects recipients based on accomplishments and the magnitude of their influence over the past year, including number of employees, awards, board memberships, funds raised, business deals initiated and/or led, and published work.

Robert Rehder, P.Eng., has been named to Peterborough, Ontario's Pathway of Fame in the category of community betterment. The Otonabee Region Conservation Authority says: "Rehder's vision, leadership qualities, community pride, skills and passion have provided opportunities for youth education in forest ecosystem management, for volunteer involvement in conservation, the restoration of the historic Hope Mill and more." Rehder had a 47-year career with General Electric Canada and in retirement is



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still a consultant on high-voltage switch gear and insulation systems. He received the Ontario Professional Engineers Citizenship Award in 2008. Since 1998, more than 200 people have been inducted to Peterborough's Pathway of Fame. Σ