

## Media Release

## Oakville Engineer Recognized for Ongoing Contributions to Raise Awareness of the Engineering Profession

Toronto – (May 2, 2016) – For his contributions to the engineering profession through his extensive involvement in chapter and committee activities, Paul Charles DiNovo, BASc, MBA, P.Eng., FEC, of Oakville, has been named an Officer of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the Order at a gala on April 29 in Toronto.

His dedication to chapter affairs has been inspiring and contagious. A valuable member of the Oakville Chapter, he has been an exemplary ambassador for the profession and role model for all engineers, serving in numerous executive roles, including webmaster and treasurer. In 2012, Paul served on PEO's Financial Accounting and Reporting Task Force, which helped establish standardized operating procedures to improve fiscal responsibility for all of PEO's 36 chapters.

Motivated by a passion to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession, Paul's commitment to helping stage relevant and appealing events has helped increase both member engagement and the chapter's profile within the community. As the fundraising director for the annual Engineering Innovations Forum, his tireless efforts have led to sustained sponsorships from various organizations that have helped ensure the forum's continued success.

Paul has also been committed to providing students of all ages with practical learning opportunities, making great strides in connecting young people to the profession. Since 2014, he has provided generous financial assistance to postgraduate engineering students through establishing scholarships at the University of Toronto and McMaster University.

By volunteering with PEO, Paul hopes he has "influenced the profession and raised public awareness of its importance."

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Officer is bestowed upon those who have served the profession for many years and whose sustained leadership has contributed greatly to its operation or improvement in its status.

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