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Essilor Canada Supports Students of Optical Schools through Scholarships

MONTREAL, Qc. July 27, 2018 — Among the actions developed to support the optical industry in this country, Essilor Canada supports the next generation of optometrists and opticians through donations of lenses and equipment, training, visits to Essilor laboratories, sponsorships and scholarships. Many of these scholarships were awarded at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

On May 4th, the Opticianry Program Awards Night was held at Cégep Garneau. The Essilor Perseverance Scholarship recipients, Sarah-Maude Mercier D'Amours and Anne-Marie Dumont, were chosen based on their attendance, their participation in class, their constancy of effort and their academic achievement.

On Friday, June 22nd in Moncton, Marion Ripley, Sales Consultant, presented the David White Scholarship to Lori Stratton, a graduate of Oulton College's Visual Opticianry Program. Lori was selected based on her high academic achievement, attendance, and best lab participation. Essilor's scholarship to Oulton College is named after David White, a Nova Scotia optician who was passionate about the opticianry industry and dedicated to his customers; he passed away last November at the age of 58.

Essilor Canada also contributed to the Excellence Awards given to the optometry student at the School of Optometry of the University of Montreal at their convocation ceremony on June 4th, while on June 13th, the Essilor Award for Academic and Clinical Excellence in Optics for the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science was given to graduating optometry student David Truong.

Essilor Canada is proud to invest in supporting the next generation of eyecare professionals so that together we can help Canadians see better today, and in the future.



From left to right : Alain Thivierge, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cégep Garneau Foundation, Louise Tanguay representing Essilor Canada, Anne-Marie Dumont and Jean-Yves Tremblay, Assistant Director of Studies.



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About Essilor Canada

Canadians have visual needs that impact their lives, their ability to learn, their development, health and safety. We believe that everyone has the right to good vision. This is why our mission of *improving lives by improving sight* is the driving force behind everything we do at Essilor Canada: our products, services, technologies, trainings, philanthropic initiatives, as well as our involvement in environment, health and safety.

We are committed to be the partner of choice for eyecare professionals by offering innovative solutions that empower them to succeed and create value for them and for consumers, so that together we can make a difference and help Canadians see better and live better, every day.

Present in Canada since 1972, Essilor is proud to contribute to the growth of our country's economy with over 1,000 employees, three digital surfacing laboratories and close to 30 regional and partner laboratories. Essilor Canada is a subsidiary of Essilor International, the world leader in ophthalmic products that invests heavily in research and development to create new products always better adapted to the needs of wearers. Essilor creates, manufactures and personalizes a wide range of corrective lenses and coatings that are distributed through eyecare professionals, to correct and protect vision, as well as prevent visual health issues. Canadians can entrust their vision to Essilor brands such as Varilux®, Eyezen™, Crizal®, Xperio® and Transitions®.

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