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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES STUDENT INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP

Awards Ontario Parks Bursaries To 40 Students

TORONTO — The Ontario government is awarding education bursaries, funded by Ontario Parks' corporate partners, to 40 students who worked in provincial parks in recognition of their leadership, initiative and commitment to parks protection.

"These young men and women impressed their co-workers, supervisors and the public with their outstanding customer service and enthusiasm," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "We were lucky to have them working in our provincial parks and I am pleased to recognize their contribution."

Corporate partners fund the entire bursary program, now in its fifth year, which provides each student with a grant of \$500. The awards ceremony, attended by 10 bursary winners, was held at the Hudson's Bay flagship store in downtown Toronto, one of Ontario Parks' corporate partners.

"We are amazed with the depth, diversity and ecological significance of the Ontario provincial parks system and the dedication and passion of Ontario Parks' staff," said David G. Earthy, President and Managing Director, Woods Canada Limited. "Ontario's provincial parks are truly an outstanding world-class asset with which Woods Canada and the Earthy Family are proud to be associated."

"My family and I camp and canoe in many provincial parks each year. I am continually impressed by the quality of staff, both full time and seasonal," said Jim Stevens, Sales Manager, Camping, Johnson Outdoors Canada Limited-Eureka Tents. "We at Johnson Outdoors are glad to be part of the bursary program."

The Ontario Parks Partners Bursary Program is open to students working in a provincial park or within a "Friends of" organization. Co-workers, the public, or a supervisor may nominate candidates. Nominees are judged on their customer service, initiative, leadership, public recognition, overall dedication, and promotion of the provincial parks system.

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