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## ONTARIO POWER GENERATION CONGRATULATES JOHN WESLEY BEAVER AWARD WINNERS

**Toronto** – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) proudly congratulates Brittnee Sheridan and Jamie Monague, the 2015 recipients of the OPG John Wesley Beaver (JWB) Memorial Student Awards. The awards help foster Aboriginal students' post-secondary studies at Ontario colleges and universities in targeted fields of study.

Sheridan belongs to the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nations group. She has just finished an undergraduate degree in Law and Justice/ Indigenous Studies at Laurentian University, and will be starting law school at the University of Ottawa this fall. Monague is from the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation in Southwest Ontario. He has just completed his first year at Lambton College in the Mechanical Technician – Industrial Maintenance program.

The JWB awards reflect OPG's commitment to educating youth and increasing the representation of Aboriginal employees in the electricity sector. Mr. Beaver was one of Ontario Hydro's most notable Aboriginal engineers.

"Brittnee Sheridan and Jamie Monague exemplify the values of Jack Beaver in their commitment to education, family and their communities," said Tom Mitchell, OPG President and CEO. "Like Mr. Beaver, Britnee and Jamie are important role models for Aboriginal youth."

OPG has a strong commitment to developing and maintaining mutually beneficial working relationships with Aboriginal communities. The company is working with more than 50 Aboriginal communities from across the province, helping create opportunities, training and jobs.

For more information on OPG and the JWB Awards, visit [www.opg.com](http://www.opg.com).

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Established in 1997, the JWB Awards pay tribute to the contributions of John Wesley (Jack) Beaver, who was one of Ontario Hydro's (OPG predecessor) most notable Aboriginal engineers and Chief of Alderville First Nation in the 1950s. Jack Beaver exemplified leadership, with concern for his family, his people, his colleagues and his community. To-date there have been 32 JWB Award recipients. Up to two awards are available annually to qualified students and include a financial award along with the potential for a work placement at OPG.

Brittnee Sheridan has completed her undergraduate degree at Laurentian University in Law and Justice/Indigenous Studies. In September she will be starting Law School at the University of Ottawa. In 2014, she was one of four winners of the Helen Bassett Commemorative Student award presented by the Native Woman's Association of Canada. The award was based on academic achievement, volunteer experience and employment history.

Jamie Monague has completed his first year at Lambton College in the Mechanical Technician – Industrial Maintenance program. He has lived his entire life at the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and actively participates in multiple activities within the community including pow wows, Aboriginal Day activities, and Diabetes support groups and youth programs. He also works with Visions of Harmony within the college to bring awareness to youth within native communities.

The JWB Awards are administered by OPG's Native Circle, which provides a network for native employees to support and mentor each other and to share and showcase Aboriginal culture within OPG through events such as the JWB Awards and National Aboriginal Day.