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THE LAURENTIAN PILOT AUTHORITY LAUNCHES NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE INSTITUT MARITIME DU QUÉBEC

Rimouski, February 9, 2023 - The Institut maritime du Québec (IMQ) and the Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) are excited to announce a new partnership to provide student scholarships totalling \$10,000 annually. Under the theme Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, this year two students with inspiring backgrounds are each receiving \$5,000 in this first edition of the scholarship.

"The Laurentian Pilotage Authority is proud to launch the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship because we firmly believe in enriching society and developing the community by sharing different ideas and perspectives," said Ms. Josée Leroux, the LPA's Acting Chief Executive Officer.

The LPA recognizes and highly values the benefits brought about by a range of perspectives within communities. This scholarship is awarded to candidates who have overcome barriers related to diversity, inequality and social inclusion during their academic career, or who have shown commitment and leadership in diversity, inequality and social inclusion. Both recipients inspired and touched the selection committee with their resilience, courage and fighting spirit, as well as the energy they put in to making the world around them a better place. This financial support will make it possible to ease their financial concerns and encourage them to continue their studies.

"The scholarship will be a great help because I must balance family and studies. This financial support will let me direct my energies to the right places to achieve success in my studies. It's a big relief for me," said Ms. Lisa-Marie Audet-Prince, a student in Naval Architecture Technology.

For Ms. Rougui Ndiaye, a student from Senegal in Operations and Supply Chain Management, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship has made a huge difference: "The scholarship got me out of a very precarious situation as a student in Canada. It came at the right time to bail me out. Thank you, LPA!"

"The IMQ warmly thanks the Laurentian Pilotage Authority for this solid initiative that will support students on an annual basis. The values reflected in this Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship are fully in line with those that the IMQ strives to uphold in its community. Also, this fall a new Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDIMQ) committee was formed at the IMQ. This committee provides a space for discussion, reflection, prevention and information, enabling it to offer the community actions it can take to maintain a living environment that is vibrant and proud of its diversity. The fact that the industry is stepping up to the plate demonstrates the importance of these themes," said Mélanie Leblanc, Director of the Institut maritime du Québec.

ABOUT THE LAURENTIAN PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

Since 1972, the Laurentian Pilotage Authority has operated as a federal Crown corporation that provides safe, effective and efficient pilotage service on the St. Lawrence River between Les Escoumins and Montreal as well as along the Saguenay River. Each year, it is responsible for dispatching approximately 25,000 marine pilots assignments from its Operations Centre in Montreal. Employees at the Les Escoumins Pilot Station ensure the transshipment of pilots assigned to conduct vessels. An employer of choice for many years, the Authority contributes to developing pilotage regulations and is responsible for their implementation and enforcement. It also plays a major role in supervising how the marine pilot profession is practiced, and develops technologies for adopting best practices in pilotage and navigation, all with a view to protecting the environment.

ABOUT THE INSTITUT MARITIME DU QUÉBEC

Recognized for its leadership, the Institut maritime du Québec (IMQ) was founded in 1944. It is the largest French-language maritime training institution in Canada. It provides training and workforce development in five areas of specialization: naval architecture, navigation, marine mechanical engineering, professional diving, and operations and supply chain management. To fulfill its mission of supporting the shipping industry, the IMQ also has a continuous education division that runs programs through its emergency measures training centre, the Centre de formation aux mesures d'urgence (CFMU), and its Professional Diving Training Centre (PDTC). The IMQ also works closely with Innovation maritime (IMAR), an applied research centre in marine technologies.

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