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## **SUNCOR ENERGY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Pointe-aux-Trembles (December 15, 2014)** – Suncor Energy is now accepting applications for the sixth annual Suncor Energy Educational Scholarship. The scholarship is a partnership involving Suncor, the Collège de Maisonneuve and the Fondation du Collège de Maisonneuve, that provides the resources for recipients to complete a technical Diploma of Collegial Studies (DEC) in chemical processes at the College.

In 2014, the Suncor scholarships were awarded to two Pointe-aux-Trembles students, Samuel-Antonio Saad-Penalva and Gabriel Limoges.

“A few years ago, we decided we could play a role in helping to stimulate interest in science and encourage high school students in east Montreal to consider a career in science and chemistry. Working in collaboration with the Collège de Maisonneuve, we developed this scholarship program,” said Jean Côté, vice president, Montreal refinery, Suncor. “As part of the scholarship, recipients will gain hands-on experience in their field. For some, this is the stepping stone to a career, as is the case for two of the original recipients of the first Suncor scholarship, Félix Gendron-Chartier and Jean-Sébastien Le Boulaire. I’m delighted that they are now part of our team at the Montreal refinery.”

Collège de Maisonneuve, the Foundation and Suncor are proud to join forces to promote jobs in the chemical processes sector, in order to remedy the shortage of qualified labour experienced by companies in the petrochemicals sector, many of which are located in east Montreal.

“The industry is in great need of new talent. To shore up this shortfall in qualified personnel, we must spark the interest of young people who are as passionate, driven and inquisitive as Samuel-Antonio Saad-Penalva and Gabriel Limoges from Daniel-Johnson and Pointe-aux-Trembles high schools,” says Éric Raymond, assistant director of Collège de Maisonneuve's department of studies.

### **Suncor scholarship program**

The program, which was launched in 2009, awards two scholarships per year to each of the high schools in Pointe-aux-Trembles. The scholarships cover tuition fees and the cost of books, learning material and safety equipment. Starting in their second year of enrolment in the program, recipients receive an additional \$500 toward the purchase of a laptop computer. At the end of the training at Collège de Maisonneuve, Suncor also provides traineeship at its Montreal refinery. Once studies are completed, those candidates who meet hiring criteria may be invited to join the refinery's ranks. To date, eleven students have been awarded a Suncor scholarship.

In addition to being a springboard to advanced studies, the DEC in chemical processes opens the door to employment opportunities in a variety of sectors, including the chemicals and petrochemical industries, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, environmental sciences and refining.

*Suncor Energy is Canada's leading integrated energy company. Suncor's operations include oil sands development and upgrading, conventional and offshore oil and gas production, petroleum refining, and product marketing under the Petro-Canada brand. A member of Dow Jones Sustainability indexes, FTSE4Good and CDP, Suncor is working to responsibly develop petroleum resources while also growing a*

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