



Toronto CREW Awards Winners of Inaugural Real Estate Scholarship

TORONTO, Ontario – May 10, 2006 – Toronto CREW has awarded three female university students – **Krystal Moore, Sucheera Kulabusaya, Ronke Soluade** – entering the final year of their undergraduate or graduate degree specializing in real estate, each with **\$3,000 scholarships** towards their tuition fees. These three recipients are the first of 15 scholarships to be awarded from 2006 to 2008. A formal evaluation matrix comprising a combination of grades, reference letters, statement of career goals and volunteer work, was used to evaluate all applicants.

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“Without our sponsors’ commitment of encouraging more talented women to enter the industry, the program just wouldn’t have been possible this year,” states **Lisa Lafave, Chair of Toronto CREW’s Community Outreach Committee** which is responsible for the Real Estate Scholarship. “It was just less than a year ago when the first cheque came in and it snowballed from there. Clearly the industry sees the need.”

“We believe that the **Toronto CREW Real Estate Scholarship** is an excellent means to encourage bright, entrepreneurial women to join the real estate industry. Real estate is increasingly being added to the investment portfolios of institutional investors. The skills and talents of well-trained university graduates are needed to manage the portfolios effectively,” confirms **Phil Gillin, Vice President of Real Estate for Sun Life Financial.**

“**Toronto CREW** is committed to connecting young women to a commercial real estate career path,” confirms **Marta Lewycky, Toronto CREW’s President.** “We are very pleased to award these bright young women as the first recipients of our real estate scholarship.”

About the 2006 Recipients

Krystal Moore

“I have many professional goals for myself. Upon graduation, I will work towards becoming an accredited appraiser by obtaining my AACI.”

***Krystal** is a student at the University of Guelph’s Bachelor of Commerce degree specializing in Real Estate and Housing. She has placed on the Dean’s list for grades; and employers consistently praise her decision-making and problem-solving skills. In addition to her studies, Krystal is a devoted volunteer working to raise funds for various charities including the Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Caledonia Food Bank. Krystal graduates in May 2007.*

Sucheera Kulabusaya

“This knowledge will in turn help me achieve my long-term goal of starting a business regarding tourism real estate development.”

Sucheera is a student at the Schulich School of Business, York University and is working towards her MBA in Real Property Development. Her unique background highlights her exceptional abilities.

Suceherra earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Chula Longkorn University in Thailand. She began work with an architectural firm in Thailand specializing in housing and resort projects. She observes that the lack of professional knowledge undermined many aspects of tourism and decided to pursue the Real Property Development MBA to learn about sustainability.

Ronke Soluade

"My passion is to pursue a long-term career within the real estate industry utilizing both my legal background and the skills acquired from the MBA program. It is a career that is intellectually challenging, demanding and rewarding."

Ronke attends the Schulich School of Business at York University and is working towards her MBA in Real Property Development. Her career path started as a lawyer after obtaining her LLB at Thames Valley University in the United Kingdom in 1997. After being involved in a major real estate transaction for the sale and leaseback of 11 hotels, she knew where she wanted to be. Ronke came to Canada where she believes that hard work and ability are rewarded.

About Toronto CREW

Toronto CREW (www.torontocrew.org) members are key decision makers from some of the most influential corporations in Canada, representing almost all disciplines in commercial real estate. This organization is committed to quality programming and events to attract and retain the brightest and the best in the commercial real estate industry. Toronto CREW was the first Canadian chapter of CREW Network, which comprises 60 independent local organizations, including CREW Montréal, Vancouver CREW and Calgary CREW, totalling more than 6,500 members.

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