The CFPC Honours 17 Medical Students with $170,000 in Medical Student Scholarships

(Mississauga, ON, November 3, 2011) – The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) today honoured 17 of Canada’s most outstanding medical students with the presentation of the 2011 CFPC Medical Student Scholarships. The students – one from each of Canada’s 17 medical schools – each received a $10,000 scholarship. The award ceremony was held during the CFPC’s annual Family Medicine Forum (FMF) at the Palais des congrès de Montréal in Montreal, Quebec.

The CFPC’s Medical Student Scholarships are made possible through the generous support of Scotiabank and the CFPC’s Research & Education Foundation.

The 2011 recipients of the CFPC Medical Student Scholarships are:

Shahana Nathwani, University of British Columbia
Sarah Lalonde, University of Calgary
Samantha Stasiuk, University of Alberta
Taffeta Overli-Domes, University of Saskatchewan
Calvin Bergen, University of Manitoba
Ashley Lee, University of Western Ontario
Julie Plume, McMaster University
Allison Sweeney, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Alison Delorme, University of Toronto
Alexandre Atfield, Queen’s University
Michelle Van Walraven, University of Ottawa
Lee Reichman, McGill University
Jean-François Verville, Université de Montréal
Valérie Therriault, Université de Sherbrooke
Louis-Philippe Gagnon, Université Laval
Jenna Creaser, Dalhousie University
Matthew Ryan, Memorial University

“The CFPC congratulates the 2011 Medical Student Scholarship recipients for their outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to family medicine,” said CFPC President, Dr. Robert Boulay. “They represent the future of family medicine in our country. The College is proud to recognize their achievements and interest in careers in family medicine and to help support their education and training. We look forward to the day that we may welcome them as much needed family physician colleagues practicing together with us to provide the best possible care for the people of Canada.”
"At Scotiabank, we believe in the importance of supporting the communities where we live and work,” said John Roberts, Vice President of Small Business, Scotiabank. "This year’s scholarship winners will be invaluable to their future patients in communities across Canada and we are pleased to help them as they dedicate themselves to the worthy field of family medicine.”

Those nominated for the Medical Student Scholarship must be medical students in their second last undergraduate year of study at the time of application – this year’s graduating class of 2012. A selection committee comprised of student and faculty representatives at each Canadian medical school reviews all nominations, interviews candidates, and identifies their scholarship nominee. Nominations are submitted to the CFPC Honours and Awards Committee and the Research and Education Foundation Board for final selection.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF CANADA and THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is the voice of family medicine in Canada. Representing over 26,000 members across the country, it is the professional organization responsible for establishing standards for the training, certification and lifelong education of family physicians and for advocating on behalf of the specialty of family medicine, family physicians and their patients. The CFPC accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada’s 17 medical schools.

The Research and Education foundation of the College of Family Physicians of Canada is dedicated to raising funds to recognize and support current and future family doctors in their pursuit of the best health for the population.

See attached Backgrounder for bios of the 2011 CFPC Medical Student Scholarship recipients.

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