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OMCA Presents Tuition Awards.

The OMCA Education Foundation Chair Paula Savage presented 7 tuition awards to the fifth year recipients at the recent OMCA Annual Conference in Toronto.

These tuition awards are presented to students enrolled in travel/tourism courses at recognized post secondary educational institutions, to help assist them on their journey to entering the motor coach tour industry. This year's recipients are:

- Dana Landers from Genesee Community College, Batavia, New York
- Jason Hodgson from Fanshawe College, London, Ontario
- Jaclyn Aguglia from Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York
- Leah Grubb from Ryerson University, Toronto Ontario
- Amanda Dunning from Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario
- Kevin Alvarez from Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario
- Annie Primeau from Sir Sandford Fleming College, Peterborough, Ontario

Tuition award winners were invited to attend the OMCA Conference and Marketplace for a "hands-on" view of how Tour Operators and Suppliers do business.

The foundation, along with the OMCA Development Fund, raises money through OMCA's silent and live auctions, draws and generous donations by OMCA members, including gifts ranging from vacations, attraction passes and one of-a-kind items. This year approximately \$35,000.00 was raised in support of OMCA's awards and training and education programs.

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Founded in 1929, the Ontario Motor Coach Association is a full-service trade association representing 80 bus operators, over 100 tour operators and over 800 affiliated sellers to the group tour industry including attractions, destinations, hotels, and retail outlets across North America. Operator members provide scheduled intercity, charter, tour, school bus, contract, shuttle, and airport and transit services. The OMCA works with all levels of government to outline the industry's contributions and concerns regarding a seamless, sustainable public and private passenger transportation network.

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