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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 700 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, 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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OMCA Presents Tuition Awards

The OMCA Education Foundation Chair Paula Savage presented tuition awards to 8 recipients at the recent OMCA Annual Conference in London, ON. This was the sixth year for these awards.

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:

- Rong Lu of Algonquin College - Ontario
- Rylee Williamson of Northeastern State University- Oklahoma
- Karie Hanson of the University of Alberta -Alberta
- Jaime Rodrigues of Genesee Community College - New York
- Shannan Scott of Ryerson University - Ontario
- Heather Dowd of Niagara College - Ontario
- Sarah Coenye of Fanshawe College - Ontario
- Mickyla Kortje of the University of Guelph - 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 on of-a-kind items. This year approximately \$31,000.00 at the auction and \$3,000.00 from proceeds at our Golf Tournament was raised in support of OMCA's awards, training and education programs.

