

Boston Pizza Serves Up a Slice Of Higher Learning

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Awards 33 employees with \$1,500 scholarship for the upcoming school year

TORONTO, Sept. 8, 2011 /CNW/ - As students head back to school this week, 33 post-secondary students across the country can thank their employer, Boston Pizza, for helping them realize their academic goals. Since 2007, the Boston Pizza International Scholarship Program has recognized 160 employees for their achievements at work and school, as well as within their local communities, with a \$1,500 scholarship.

"Boston Pizza is proud to support the academic aspirations of our employees through our popular scholarship program," said Caroline Schein, Vice President, People and Operations Development, Boston Pizza International. "We recognize that our student employees are working with us for only a few years and will go on to work in other industries. The program is consistent with our philosophy of supporting our employees' pursuit of a post-secondary degree while providing them with valuable life skills as they continue to work with us while going to school."

This year 33 scholarships were awarded to Boston Pizza employees across Canada in every province. Eligible applicants were subject to a rigorous evaluation process that involves an academic review based on actual transcripts, an internal evaluation from their General Manager, and a personal essay submission. A national scholarship committee evaluates the submissions and helps select the deserving recipients.

"With more than 340 locations, Boston Pizza is one of this country's largest youth employers and we strongly believe in supporting education and development," explained Schein. "The scholarship program is designed to help students along their path to higher learning, and is just one of the ways we help our employees strike a balance between their work-life at Boston Pizza and their studies."

Recipients of the Boston Pizza International Scholarship Award each receive \$1,500, for a total of \$49,500 in scholarships granted in 2011.

2011 Boston Pizza International Scholarship Award Recipients:

- Emily Cordes, London, ON
- Sonja Hillis, Orillia, ON
- Jasmine Mah, Brampton, ON
- Christopher Rooney, Peterborough, ON
- Kelsey Scriven, Bracebridge, ON
- Kelly Spillman, Toronto, ON
- Jeff Strong, Mississauga, ON
- Alex Sutherland, Oakville, ON
- Hillary Trumper, Waterloo, ON
- Jessica Toth, Uxbridge, ON
- Emilie Brouillette, Masouche, QC
- Danica Scott, Langley, BC
- Devon Richards, Richmond, BC
- Megan Sim, New Westminster, BC
- Murphy Andrews, Edmonton, AB
- Blair Mills, Edmonton, AB
- Corey Koshin, Calgary, AB
- Christine Hallee, Mirabel, QC
- Vivian Mercier-Donatelli, Candiac, QC
- Courtney Taylor, Dartmouth, NS
- Angela Wall, Halifax, NS
- Derek Monkman, Chilliwack, BC
- Raveena Birring, Victoria, BC
- Selina Byer, North Vancouver, BC
- Lisa Byrgesen, Calgary, AB
- Amanda Csoka, Chilliwack, BC
- Dexter James, Vernon, BC
- Amanda Paquette, Kamloops, BC
- Kayla Plaustainer, Taber, AB
- Chantelle Proch, Cold Lake, AB
- Jenn Morgan, Saskatoon, SK
- Brett Legault, Winnipeg, MB
- Jennifer Kirkpatrick, Winnipeg, MB

"The scholarship means the world to me, because it will give me the opportunity to focus more of my time with the kids from the school I will be teaching at," said Corey Koshin a Boston Pizza employee in Calgary, Alberta. "Any little bit helps, and I am grateful that Boston Pizza has allowed and continues to allow me the opportunity to pay for my schooling while working for a company that I enjoy."

About Boston Pizza

Boston Pizza International Inc. is Canada's No. 1 casual dining brand with more than 340 restaurants in Canada. Annually, Boston Pizza serves more than 40 million guests. The company has been recognized as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies and was named one of Canada's 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures by Waterstone Human Capital for 2007 and 2008. Boston Pizza International Inc. is located in Richmond, B.C. and has regional offices in Mississauga, Ontario and Laval, Quebec. For more information visit www.bostonpizza.com.