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### **Four CMAs and One Future CMA Receive a \$2,000 Regional Youth Scholarship**

**Quebec City, May 9, 2011** – In order to make it easier for CMA graduates to move to and become an active part of regional communities, the Foundation of the Ordre des comptables en management accrédités du Québec (CMA) and Place aux jeunes en région (PAJR) have awarded \$2,000 scholarships to five young CMAs who have chosen to practice the profession in a region outside of Quebec's metropolitan areas and become involved in their communities.

Recipients of the 2010 scholarships are: Jeanie Caron, CMA (Côte-Nord), Vincent Perron, CMA (Estrie), Sébastien Rocheleau (Abitibi-Témiscamingue), Mona Doucet, CMA, and Alexandre Côté-Leblanc, CMA (Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean). Their exemplary achievements and profound attachment to their regions show how it is possible to have an exciting career outside the major metropolitan areas and help their communities grow.

"I returned to Baie-Comeau not only for the quality of life that we have there, but so I could also contribute my professional competencies as a way of participating in the development of this wonderful region," explains Jeanie Caron.

As for scholarship recipient Mona Doucet, she says: "I work very hard on developing business in order to increase our clientele and our workforce needs as a result. The internal growth of the firm has allowed it to increase the number of its full-time employees from 4 to 18 in the last 5 years. This development helps create both regional wealth and career opportunities."

The CMA Order Foundation wanted to invest in this scholarship program in order to encourage the practice of the CMA profession across the entire province of Quebec and use CMA leadership in response to the exodus of young people from areas outside Quebec's major cities.

Anyone who wishes to apply for the 2011 university scholarships may do so right now on the PAJR Web site: [www.placeauxjeunes.qc.ca/cma](http://www.placeauxjeunes.qc.ca/cma). A total of 5 scholarships worth \$2,000 each will be awarded.

#### **About the Foundation of the Quebec CMA Order**

Created by the Ordre des comptables en management accrédités du Québec (CMA) in 2008, the objective of the Foundation of the Quebec CMA Order is to encourage excellence in future CMAs and support the new elite in CMA knowledge. The Foundation has launched its first major fundraising campaign, in which it has already raised over \$2 million.

#### **About Place aux jeunes en région (PAJR)**

Since 1990, PAJR helps young graduates aged 18 to 35 to settle in regions outside of Quebec's metropolitan areas, which are grappling with the problematic exodus of young people. The organization, which has helped nearly 2,000 young graduates set up home in one of Quebec's regions in the last two years, is funded by the Secrétariat à la jeunesse, as part of the Quebec government's 2009-2014 youth action plan, and Desjardins Group.



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