



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Polytechnique announces the third recipient of the *Order of the White Rose* scholarship in tribute to the victims of December 6, 1989**

Montréal, Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – Polytechnique Montréal cordially invites media representatives to attend the awarding of the third annual \$30,000 *Order of the White Rose* scholarship to a Canadian woman engineering student who wishes to enrol in graduate studies (master's or PhD) at the institution of her choice in Canada or elsewhere in the world. The ceremony will be held on **Friday, December 1, 2017, at 11 a.m.** in the Galerie Rolland, on the 6th floor of the main Polytechnique building, in the presence of the Polytechnique community and with **Valérie Plante**, Mayor of Montréal, in attendance.

The *Order of the White Rose* was established in 2014 as part of the activities marking the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of December 6, 1989, which claimed the lives of 14 young women and injured several others. Polytechnique created this scholarship as a tribute to the victims as well as the injured, their families, faculty members, employees and students who are forever affected by this tragedy.

A prestigious jury composed of principals, presidents or deans of Canadian universities and led by **Michèle Thibodeau-DeGuire**, Principal and Chair of the Polytechnique Board of Directors and Polytechnique's first female civil engineering graduate, carefully reviewed all applications and came to a unanimous choice.

To present the scholarship to the new recipient, interim Polytechnique Chief Executive Officer **François Bertrand** will be joined by Ms. Plante and the two *Order of the White Rose* ambassadors: Ms. Thibodeau-DeGuire and **Nathalie Provost**, a Polytechnique graduate who was injured in the tragedy.

#### **DATEBOOK**

#### **WHAT:**

Awarding of the third annual *Order of the White Rose* scholarship

#### **WHO:**

François Bertrand, interim CEO and Chief Research, Innovation & International Officer, Polytechnique Montréal

Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal

Michèle Thibodeau-DeGuire, Principal and Chair of the Board of Directors, Polytechnique Montréal

Nathalie Provost, Ambassador, Order of the White Rose



**WHEN:**

Friday, December 1, 2017, at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:**

Polytechnique Montréal  
2500 Chemin de Polytechnique  
Galerie Rolland, 6th floor of the main Polytechnique building  
Université de Montréal campus  
Université de Montréal métro  
Indoor parking available at the Lassonde buildings  
Access map: [www.polymtl.ca/rensgen/coordonnees/campus.php](http://www.polymtl.ca/rensgen/coordonnees/campus.php)

The ceremony will be broadcast live on Polytechnique Montreal's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/polymtl>

**Interview opportunities for December 1:**

- The third recipient of the *Order of the White Rose* scholarship
- Nathalie Provost, Polytechnique graduate injured during the 1989 tragedy and ambassador of the *Order of the White Rose*
- Michèle Thibodeau-DeGuire, Principal and Chair of the Polytechnique Board of Directors, and Chair of the *Order of the White Rose* scholarship selection jury
- François Bertrand, interim CEO and Chief Research, Innovation & International Officer, Polytechnique Montréal

*Order of the White Rose* website: <http://www.polymtl.ca/ordreroseblanche/en/>

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