

# Blaney McMurtry Scholarship Award Presented at Annual Investing in our Diversity Awards Dinner

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The Blaney McMurtry Scholarship was presented to Lina Guadagnoli at the 2012 Scadding Court *Investing in our Diversity* Scholarship Awards Dinner, held on May 17, 2012, in Toronto. Shardae Keane, a student at Harbord Collegiate, received the Bill McMurtry Memorial Scholarship.

The Scholarship Program, celebrating its 10th year, awards scholarships to youth from low-income, marginalized communities across Toronto in recognition of their "leadership in building more equitable, inclusive, healthy, safe and positive communities". This year, a total of \$58,000 in university entrance scholarships was awarded, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Since 2001, the Program has provided more than \$400,000 in scholarships to over 110 young people.

*Investing in our Diversity* was co-founded by Blaney McMurtry's name partner, the late Bill McMurtry, who was involved in anti-racism and diversity work long before it became mainstream. His spirit remains an important element of the scholarship program and the firm's involvement as a founding sponsor.