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## **MARIANOPOLIS STUDENT'S ALL-NIGHTER BECOMES NATIONAL AWARD**

Westmount, QUEBEC – Marianopolis College graduate, Amena Ali, is one of only twenty fortunate young Canadians who will receive \$60,000 in tuition and academic expenses plus a summer job for up to four years. They are recipients of TD Insurance Canada Trust's Scholarship for Community Leadership, presented to Ali and other winners at the Chateau Laurier, in Ottawa, May 15.

"I am truly honoured to have been chosen as a 2007 recipient for this scholarship by TD Canada Trust and am glad to know that they too believe in the power of today's youth and the positive effect young people can have in their communities," says Ali. "It is my personal belief that promoting change on a local level through community leadership is what will ultimately change the world."

The 2007 scholarship recipients were selected from more than 3,800 applicants from across Canada. Montreal student Ali's successful application was the result of an inspirational 2004 visit to India, and her spirit of community service. While in the village of Rajnandgaon, in Chattisghargh province, she spent time at her uncle's school for underprivileged blind and handicapped children, which he's been running since 1995, and where he teaches children between the ages of 4-18 how to be independent and self-sufficient. Impressed with her uncle's achievements, she returned to Montreal with the intent to raise \$25,000 for the school with what she's dubbed the Abhilasha project (named after the school). So far, Ali has raised \$10,000, and expects to realize her ultimate goal in the next two years.

One of her fundraising efforts included a Wake-a-thon, when 75 people gathered at Marianopolis for a sleepless night, courtesy of magicians, movies, a DJ, and midnight buffet. To participate in the event, each person had to raise a minimum of \$30. One person collected over \$400 in donations. Her next steps involve joint projects with the Mackay Centre and the Montreal Institute for the Blind. For more information on the Abhilasha Project, please visit [www.abhilashaproject.org](http://www.abhilashaproject.org).

### **The Scholarship**

TD Insurance Canada Trust's scholarship is open to all Canadian students, who will be starting post-secondary education the following year. This year, more than 3,800 students applied. The competitive entries were judged by a panel of Canadian senators, business professionals and past award recipients. The twenty recipients each receive full post-secondary tuition, \$5,000 a year toward living expenses, and an offer of summer employment at TD Canada Trust—for a period of up to four years. To learn more, please visit [www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship).

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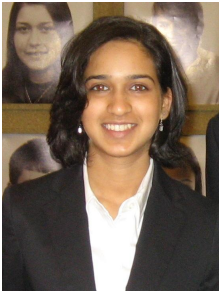
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Since 1908, Marianopolis College has provided quality education in a motivating and welcoming atmosphere. Our diverse student body is made up of 1700 students from over 150 high schools — both English and French from across Quebec and abroad. Marianopolis offers CEGEP (DEC) programs to those seeking a friendly learning environment where the student is the focus.

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**PHOTO:** Amena Ali



**PHOTO:** (from left)

Dr. Jane R. Thompson, Executive Director, TD Canada Trust Scholarships, and Amena Ali