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Public Services Health & Safety Association Awards Granted to Dalla Lana Students

TORONTO, ON - On January 18, the Public Services Health & Safety Association awards were presented to three students at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) offered these awards in an effort to support students by helping to lessen the financial burden of their studies as well as to provide recognition of their outstanding work. "It brings us great pleasure to support the Dalla Lana School and its students through these scholarship awards," says Glenn Cullen, Vice President of Corporate Programs and Product Development at PSHSA. "It is important for us as an organization to invest in future health and safety leaders and further motivate them to excel in their careers. This is vital to the sustainment and ongoing advancement of Ontario's health and safety system."

The inaugural merit-based award was awarded to Mansurkhan Pathan, a second year Masters of Public Health (MPH) student in the Occupational and Environmental Health program. "I am honoured to have received the Public Services Health & Safety Association Award from a great organization that provides many useful resources to help reduce workplace risks and prevent occupational injuries and illnesses", Pathan explains. "I am humbled to be associated with this organization and receiving their support will enable myself to achieve even more success in the field of occupational and environmental health." Pathan already holds two Bachelor's degrees in human biology and occupational health and safety. Following the completion of his current program and after attaining a few years of field experience, Pathan seeks to obtain his Registered Occupational Hygienist (ROH) and Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designations.

Two additional needs-based scholarships were also awarded.

This is the second year that PSHSA awards have been granted to Dalla Lana students, and represents just one of the ways PSHSA is working with the school to nurture and promote the profession of occupational health and safety. Since 2016, PSHSA has hired a number of students out of the MPH program on a part-time, full-time or interim basis through its internship program, allowing the students to gain valuable, practical work experience. "PSHSA and the Dalla Lana School have built a strong relationship and we look forward to continuing our support in future years," says Cullen.

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