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MAKING AN IMPACT: MDS NORDION ANNOUNCES CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

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Kanata, Ontario, Canada. MDS Nordion is pleased to announce that Susanna Atkinson, a student at J.S. Woodsworth Secondary School, is the 1999 winner of the MDS Nordion Corporate Scholarship.

Established in 1991, the MDS Nordion Corporate Scholarship is presented annually to a Kanata or Nepean high school student entering a program in the pure, applied or health sciences, including engineering, at a Canadian university. The award is worth \$10,000 over four years, to cover the cost of tuition and books.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their scholastic achievements, personal qualities, and active involvement in extracurricular or volunteer activities. They are also offered a summer job at MDS Nordion in the year the scholarship is granted.

In keeping with the tradition of past scholarship winners, Susanna has had an exceptional high school career. While maintaining an average in excess of 95 per cent throughout her years at J.S. Woodsworth, Susanna juggles many interests and activities.

An accomplished musician, Susanna has several years of extensive training in voice, trumpet and piano and is currently a member of the Nepean All-City Jazz Band and was lead trumpet player in the J.S. Woodsworth Senior Concert Band. In addition, she has in the past, studied ballet, jazz and modern dance and appeared in a number of Nepean Centrepointe Theatre productions with Les Petits Ballets. She also finds time to assist with patient care as a volunteer at the Ottawa Hospital, Civic Site and to organize recreational activities for children on behalf of Nepean Parks and Recreation.

Her involvement within the school community went far beyond the area of music. She was also editor of the school yearbook, a peer helper, and a member of the school's

drama group and graduation committee. She also tutored grade 9 and 10 students in math and helped organize various Students' Council activities, leadership camps, and fundraisers.

Susanna has decided to pursue her post secondary education in biology, at McGill University. According to Susanna, "Working to preserve endangered animals, investigating the neurological impacts of stress, or organizing family planning clinics in the Third World are all possible jobs which would give me a sense of pride, responsibility, and satisfaction."

"Our scholarship program is designed to give committed, talented young students like Susanna the opportunity to develop their interests in science and engineering," says David McInnes, Vice-President, Corporate Communications for MDS Nordion. "Today's graduates are tomorrow's future. They have the ability to make a positive impact in the community."

MDS Nordion is proud to make a distinctive contribution to the communities where its employees live and work. A world leader in radioisotopes, radiation and related technologies used to diagnose, prevent and treat disease, MDS Nordion (www.mds.nordion.com) is part of MDS Inc., a major international health and life sciences company with headquarters in Toronto.

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