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**Toronto-area kids learn to give as well as receive**

*Inaugural recipients of the Capital One National Junior Golf Academy Scholarship  
look forward to the future*

Toronto, On. **(August 31, 2009)** – The National Junior Golf Academy (NJGA) is proud to partner with Capital One Canada to provide scholarship opportunities to exemplary Toronto teens from economically challenged areas with the desire to achieve. The first three recipients of the scholarship program have also committed to give back to the community during their university career.

The recipients demonstrated a commitment to improving their communities, alongside academic excellence, in order to qualify for the \$4,000 scholarship for every year of their undergraduate degree. The students will also devote their spare time to volunteer at the National Junior Golf Academy to act as role models for at-risk youth.

“Giving these youth the opportunity to further their education is laying the groundwork for a highly self-conscious approach to community building through engagement, collaboration and self sufficiency,” said Kingsley Rowe, President, National Junior Golf Academy.

“As a company, Capital One believes that support for education and efforts to enhance the well-being of individuals and families are the most important investments we can make for the future of our community,” said Bill Cilluffo, President, Capital One Canada. “The spirit, dedication and commitment that these three students – and many others like them – have demonstrated is phenomenal and we are proud to help invest in their future and in the future of our community through these scholarships. “

## Recipients

Danusha Jebanesan is a 17 year old student at L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute in Toronto. Danusha is actively involved in her school's environmental program and has also organized a community footprint garden in her neighbourhood.

Semini Pathebriya is an 18 year old student at Western Technical Commercial School in Toronto.

Semini came to Canada in 2007 and has already joined the YMCA's leadership program and is part of her school's Green Ranger Club.

Yanick Allwood is a 17 year old student at Cawthra Park Senior Public Secondary School in Mississauga. Yanick is a very accomplished musician and often donates his talents to the fundraising efforts of local community groups.

## **About the NJGA**

The National Junior Golf Academy (NJGA) was founded in the Fall of 1999. It is a registered non-profit volunteer driven program, designed to break down economic barriers and to use the rules governing the game of golf to teach at-risk youth life-skills.

## **About Capital One**

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