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TORONTO, ON, July 30, 2009 -- The National Black MBA Association and Xerox Canada have named two Canadian students recipients of their inaugural scholarships, recognizing excellence in diversity and innovation. The students will receive a one-time financial award of \$3000, a four-month paid internship with Xerox Canada Ltd, mentorship by a NBMBAA member and a one-year NBMBAA student membership.

The scholarships are for an undergraduate and graduate student and were announced today by Kevin Warren, chairman, president and CEO of Xerox Canada Ltd and Damon Knights, president of the Toronto National Black MBA Association.

The scholarships were awarded to:

Kristen Willmot, from Waterloo, On., received the undergraduate award and is a first year student at the Richard Ivey School of Business, Western Ontario University. In addition to being on the Dean's Honor's List, Willmot works with special needs children in her community and is assistant captain of her soccer team. She plans to specialize in either marketing or finance.

Christina Sackeyfio, from Brampton, On., will enter the Schulich School of Business, York University, in the Fall 2009 to pursue her MBA. Sackeyfio already has a master's in education from the University of Toronto and will combine that with her experience as program director of the Literacy through Hip Hop Program for youth.

"At Xerox we believe that investing in individuals and encouraging diversity and innovation are critical activities that corporations must pursue if they want to build Canada's future leaders," said Warren. "We welcome opportunities to partner with organizations like the NBMBAA to further that mandate."

"Xerox has been a founding partner and sponsor since the chapter's inception last year and continues to support the organization's goals of increasing the intellectual and economic wealth of its members," said Knights. "We were so impressed by the applicants' commitment to give back to their communities while juggling school and work activities that our organization will seek future partnerships that support both academic and needs based scholarships and awards."

The selection committee received 23 applications from business students at 10 Canadian universities and business schools nationwide. The selection criteria included high academic achievement, recognized contribution to the community and demonstrated leadership skills as supported by transcripts, letters of recommendations and responses to essay questions. The committee found that the process was a very challenging and rewarding one given the initiative and high level of achievement of all the applicants.

About NBMBAA Toronto Chapter

Established in 1970, the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) is dedicated to developing partnerships that result in the creation of intellectual and economic wealth in the black community through its five channels of engagement: education, career, leadership, entrepreneurship, and lifestyle. With 40-plus chapters, a membership base of more than 8,000 individuals and more than 400 corporate partners, the NBMBAA provides access to its constituents through services such as the Annual NBMBAA Conference; Local Empowerment Initiatives; and other programs. The NBMBAA Conference is the nation's largest professional African American conference and exposition. To learn more about the NBMBAA, visit

www.nmbaa.org.

The Toronto Chapter of the NMBAA offers unprecedented opportunities for our members at all levels of their professional careers. Across all categories opportunities for social and professional networking exist alongside opportunities to give back to the community whether through leadership roles offered with the NMBAA Toronto Chapter, or through a range of mentoring opportunities for students or newly graduated students. To learn more about the NMBAA Toronto Chapter, visit www.nmbaa.ca, National Black MBA Association Toronto on LinkedIn and NMBAA Canada on Facebook.

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