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### **BOMI Education Canada Announces Scholarship Winner** Lesley Thorpe Awarded Vyetta Sunderland Scholarship

**Toronto, Ontario, October 25, 2021** – On behalf of the Board of Directors, BOMI Education Canada is pleased to award the Vyetta Sunderland Scholarship to Lesley Thorpe, manager of facilities and office support, GroupHEALTH Benefit Solutions.

BOMI Education Canada, in partnership with BOMI International, established the Vyetta Sunderland Scholarship in recognition of Sunderland's focus on excellence and her lifelong commitment to education. The annual scholarship is awarded to a Canadian student who is in pursuit of advancing their property or facilities management career.

Thorpe began her career with GroupHEALTH Benefit Solutions in 2014 as an executive assistant. She was promoted to facilities and events coordinator in 2016. In 2018, Thorpe was promoted to manager, facilities and office support. She is the department head with seven direct reports in multiple locations, and oversees the major facility expenditures across the family of companies including administration of all GroupHEALTH family of companies leases. Thorpe is awarded a full ride in pursuit of her RPA® (Real Property Administrator) designation.

“Lesley’s pursuit of knowledge and her desire to accelerate her learning make her the ideal recipient of the Vyetta Sunderland Scholarship,” said Laurie Ell, Chair of BOMI Education Canada and General Manager, REMS of Colliers International. “Working with Vyetta Sunderland on various BOMI Boards and committees, I know she would agree that Lesley embodies the characteristics the committee seeks for the scholarship recipient.”

“I have embraced continuous learning throughout my career. Through BOMI, I’ve earned my FMC and PAC certificates, and my intention is to complete my RPA designation in 2021/2022 and my FMA in 2022/2023. The education I have received thus far from BOMI has had a massive, direct and positive impact on my daily work and has positioned me as an expert in my area within my company,” said Thorpe. “Increasing my knowledge base will position me for continued success and growth. That is where BOMI and the Vyetta Sunderland Scholarship come in. The more I can do to advance my own knowledge, the more I can support my team members with their growth.”

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**About BOMI Education Canada**

BOMI Education Canada was formed in late 2019 to serve the training and development needs of commercial property professionals in Canada. BOMI Education Canada is led by a Board of Directors and supported by its partner, BOMI International. To learn more, please visit [www.bomicanada.ca](http://www.bomicanada.ca), call 647-256-1438 or 800-867-6049, or email [service@bomicanada.ca](mailto:service@bomicanada.ca).

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