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BIZMO AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

The Bizmo Award for Volunteerism is awarded yearly by Janet and Joe Smolders and the Giles Family in recognition of their son Bill Smolders' rewarding experience at the University of Western Ontario's Engineering School. Not only did Bill receive a first-class engineering education, he was very active in the Undergraduate Engineering Society (UES) Council, Orientation Week and Shinerama, even driving a tricked up 1984 Pace Arrow in the "Epic Pull" across Canada to raise over \$70,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Canada. Earlier this year, the CFFC awarded Western and the Epic Pull team its Fundraising Event of the Year Award. (Bill decided to forego engineering [perhaps making the world a safer place] and is now a physics teacher at the University College School in Hampstead, London, England.)

The Bizmo Award is given to a 3rd or 4th year student in the Engineering Program who has "demonstrated outstanding volunteer and leadership skills through participation in the UES and involvement in extra-curricular activities focused on enhancing the Western Campus or broader community." This year's award was given to Federico Berutti. "Fed" is very active in the UES, active in the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students and has won many scholarships. He's also a competitive tennis player, an accomplished musician and is devoting his engineering career to the development of renewable energy and fuels.

"To whom much is given much is required"

John F. Kennedy, 1961



Federico Berutti and Janet Smolders at UWO awards ceremony