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## **Brock student receives “Grow Our Own” scholarship from Vincor**

At a recent reception held at Jackson-Triggs Estate Winery in Niagara-On-The-Lake, Jay Wright, President, CEO, Vincor Canada, presented Ryan Corrigan, a second year student in Brock’s Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) program, with one of the company’s new “Grow Our Own” scholarships.

“As a leader in the wine industry, Vincor is proud to give back to our community and invest in the development of students’ talent,” said Wright.

Along with \$1,500 per student per year in scholarship funds, the Grow Our Own program will place student recipients in paid internships at Vincor’s vineyards and wineries in the Niagara Region, British Columbia’s Okanagan Valley, and Australia or New Zealand.

Members of the Brock Community — including Terry Boak, VP Academics and Provost, Ian Brindle, Associate VP Research, and Joffre Mercier, Acting Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science — along with representatives from Vincor and Niagara College attended the event.

Brindle spoke on behalf of Brock to congratulate Corrigan and thank Vincor for its generous support.

“The Vincor scholarship is of enormous value in providing incentive to our students to stay on and become leaders in the grape and wine industry,” said Brindle.

Corrigan, a native of Campbellville, Ont., near Milton — who has worked as a retail associate at one of Vincor’s Wine Rack stores, and as a field technician, scouting Niagara area vineyards and collecting grape samples — said “I’m extremely pleased to be part of the Grow Your Own program, and I thank Vincor and Brock University for the opportunities they have given me.”

After catching the “wine bug” through his work at the Wine Rack, Corrigan decided to transfer from the University of Ottawa, where he was studying biomedical sciences, to the Brock’s OEVI program.

Brian Grant, Coordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op for OEVI, was Brock’s point person in coordinating the scholarship with Vincor. He congratulated Corrigan on his award and commented on the value of co-op placements for OEVI students.

“There’s no substitute for applying knowledge in the real world ... the co-op experience represents the most valuable part of a future winemaker’s or viticulturist’s preparation.”

Anne-Marie Bitton, a student in Niagara College’s Grape and Winery Technician certificate program, also a received a scholarship through the Grow Our Own program.

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