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Student from St. Catharines, Ontario wins Canadian Psychological Association's High School Science Award in research

Ottawa (May 21, 2015) – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Katie Jany from St. Catharines, Ontario is the recipient of the association's 5th Annual High School Science Award.

The awards program is designed to honour Canadian high school students who have completed and submitted a psychology-relevant project to their respective high school science fairs. CPA received submissions from high school students across the country and CPA's Scientific Affairs committee reviewed and ranked the submissions.

Katie is a grade 12 student at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and was presented the award for her project entitled *Is the I.D. Real? Investigating race and age effects during a perceptual matching task*. Her study examined whether participants were able to reliably identify individuals of other races and other age groups in a photo matching exercise.

Katie completed her research under the guidance of Dr. Cathy Mondloch and Dr. Sarah Laurence in the Face Perception Lab at Brock University as part of the Brock University Mentorship Program, which provides high school students in the Niagara region the opportunity to participate in research.

CPA has invited Katie to attend the association's 2015 convention in Ottawa, Ontario where she will present a digital poster on her work during one of the convention poster sessions. Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director, Science Directorate, CPA will present Katie with her certificate and a \$500 award. Katie will also receive funding to attend the convention in Ottawa.

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