SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
2009-2010

DEPARTMENT
OF
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
On behalf of the Department of Industrial Engineering, I take great pleasure in presenting to you our 2009-2010 departmental scholarship recipients. These students have proven themselves to be excellent students and citizens, and we are proud to have them as part of our program.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, we have awarded $37,000.00 in scholarships to 24 industrial engineering students. Clearly, this would not be possible without the generous financial support of the Arkansas Academy of Industrial Engineering and several other members of our industrial engineering family. The students, faculty and staff of the Department of Industrial Engineering are most thankful for this support.

If you have questions about our scholarship program, please do not hesitate to contact me at (479) 575-6196 or rmeller@uark.edu.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Meller
Hefley Professor of Logistics and Entrepreneurship
Director, Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution
Chair, Scholarship Committee
Evin Anderson — Sophomore, Little Rock, Arkansas
AAIE Hamdy and Karen Taha Scholarship $500
AAIE Robert and Ellen Etien Scholarship $500

Evin Anderson is a Graduate of the scholars program at Mills University Studies High in Little Rock. He is very active in the Bowling club and is a bowling coach on his own time. Evin also enjoys music, traveling, and soccer. After he gets his Bachelors, he plans to pursue a Masters in Industrial Engineering.

Brittany Bogle — Senior, Neosho, Missouri
David and Nancy Foust AAIE Endowed Scholarship $1000
Ron and Betty Morris AAIE Scholarship $1000

Brittany is the daughter of Darrell and Martha Bogle. She graduated from Neosho High School in Neosho, Missouri in 2005. She will be a fifth year senior during the 2009-2010 academic year, finishing up her degree with a minor in mathematics. She will serve as IIE Vice President and Alpha Pi Mu Treasurer during her final year at the University of Arkansas. Over the summer of 2009 she plans to continue her research on semiconductor binning optimization and participate in a ten-week long NSF research experience in nanotechnology at Northwestern University. After graduation, Brittany plans to pursue her PhD in Industrial Engineering in hopes of becoming a professor. In her free time Brittany enjoys getting to know international students and dabbling in languages.

Daisha Booth — Freshman, Little Rock, Arkansas
AAIE Palmer and Alice Terrell Scholarship Honoring Rick and Kathy Malstrom $1000

Daisha Booth is a Freshman. She is currently pursuing a Master’s of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and also plans to obtain a minor in either International Business or Spanish. She works in the Freshman Engineering office as a Program Assistant, and she is also a member of Connections. “At this point I am not quite sure what career path I want to take because the range of opportunity is so vast. I am, however, very excited to see where I end up in the next 4-5 years.”
Maria V. Brazhkina — Senior, Moscow, Russia
David and Nancy Foust AAIE Endowed Scholarship $2000

The daughter of Vitaly Brazhkina and Irina Brazhkina, Maria was born in 1988 in Moscow, Russia and received the status of a permanent US resident in 1998. The family alternated periods of residency in Russia and the US, and Maria was exposed early to the different cultures and educational systems. She graduated from Moscow High School #1282 in 2005 with a silver medal, one of the highest academic distinctions in Russia. Maria enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University of Arkansas in 2005. She majors in Industrial Engineering. Maria is also an Honors College student and a Silas H. Hunt Diversity Academic Scholarship recipient. Maria enjoys spending time with her family and friends, sports activities, and ballroom dancing.

Travis Crain — Junior, Little Rock, Arkansas
AAIE Wayne and Bonnie Crandell Scholarship $500
AAIE Bill and Mary Lou Cravens Scholarship $500

Travis was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, son of Dennis and Carol Crain. He graduated from Mills High School in 2008, being recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction. In his free time, he enjoys being involved in sports in a variety of capacities, which has lead to his current job as a USSF referee. He plans to graduate with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 2012.

Kevin Cummings — Senior, Springdale, Arkansas
AAIE John and Helen Selig Scholarship $500
AAIE Bob and Jo Davidson Scholarship $500

Kevin Cummings is the son of Diane Joyce Schell and Ted E. Points Jr both of Springdale, AR. He graduated from Springdale High School in 2005 and began his study of Industrial Engineering in 2007. With his studies, Kevin also has interests in health and nutrition, and music. He is a member of IIE and he is an alumni member of Kappa Kappa Psi. He currently works with the Alcoa Business Systems department at Kawneer Co., Inc. in Springdale. In his spare time he likes spending time with his friends and his wife, Lindsay.
Maci Lynn Dickson — Junior, Lebanon, Missouri
AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship $1500

Maci is the daughter of Walton and Carolyn Dickson. She is a junior at the University of Arkansas and graduate from Lebanon High School in Lebanon Missouri. She is the President of the Student Chapter of IIE and involved in her local church, Trinity Fellowship. At the University of Arkansas she was one of four freshmen to be a part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s research program. She looks forward to pursuing her Industrial Engineering degree at the University of Arkansas. In her free time Maci loves to dance and spend time with friends and her boyfriend Isaac Cook.

Bo Dillon — Freshman, Little Rock, Arkansas
AAIE John English Family Scholarship $500
AAIE David and Nancy Foust Scholarship $500

Bo is the son of Tony and Janet Dillon. Graduating from Central High School in 2008, he is currently pursuing a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He is an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and has recently become a member of IIE. Starting in the Fall of 2009 he will be a Freshman Engineering Program peer mentor and a University of Arkansas Student Ambassador. Bo has played football and baseball throughout his life and loves watching the Razorbacks, going on camping trips, and spending time with friends.

Maria Ines Vera Fabbri — Junior, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
AAIE Dana and Christie Sedgass Scholarship Honoring Hamdy Taha $1000

Maria is the daughter of Magali Fabbri and Marcelo Vera. She was born and raised in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, she moved to Argentina at the age of 15, where she graduated from Neuquén Bilingual School. She arrived to the United States in the fall 2007 and she plans to graduate in December 2010. She will be the events coordinator of the International Bolivian Organization. Among Maria’s interests are the diffusion of women to the engineering field, preserving the environment, and programming languages. After graduation she wishes to continue her studies.
Hillary Gould — Sophomore, Jonesboro, Arkansas
John L. and Lois Imhoff Endowed Scholarship $1000

Hillary is the daughter of Timothy Gould and Deborah Liles. She grew up in Jonesboro, Arkansas where she graduated as Valedictorian from Ridgefield Christian School in 2008. Hillary is in her first year in the University of Arkansas Industrial Engineering Program and plans to graduate with a BSIE in 2012. In her spare time, Hillary enjoys country music, video games, hunting, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

Huan Guo — Junior, JiangXi, China
AAIE Jim & Pat Hubbard Scholarship $2000

Huan Guo is from JiangXi which is in Southern China. He graduated from Ji’An No. 1 High School in 2005 and then came to the United States in 2006. He is trying to learn as much as possible in his wonderful undergraduate life. His goal during his study at the University of Arkansas is to revolutionize the American supermarket check-out system. And the goal of his whole life is to be walking towards a righteous man and serve the society with his best by using everything God gave to him.

Alex Hoge — Senior, Fort Smith, Arkansas
AAIE Dana and Christie Sedgass Scholarship Honoring Hamdy Taha $1000
AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship $1000
AAIE Bob and Mary Ann McKuin Scholarship Honoring Bernice McKuin Lindley $500
AAIE Al and Paula Taylor Scholarship $500

Alex is the son of Debbie and Rollins Hoge of Fort Smith, AR. He graduated from Fort Smith Southside High School in 2006, and is pursuing a degree in Industrial Engineering. Alex was an Arkansas Associated Student Government Senator for the College of Engineering in the fall 07 through spring 08 terms, and is an active member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. In the 08-09 school year he worked at the University Bookstore part time and plans to continue there this summer while taking summer classes. He has interned with Enogex in Oklahoma City. In his free time, Alex enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, and spending time with friends and family.
Jhonny An Kwon — Senior, La Paz, Bolivia
AAIE Bill and Margaret Harrison Scholarship $500
AAIE Lowrance and Marilyn Hodge Scholarship $500

Jhonny is the son of Suk-won An and Nun-ja Kwon. He graduated from American Cooperative School, La Paz, Bolivia in 2006. He is currently pursuing his B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering and International Relations. He is a member of the IIE student chapter and has recently served in an officer position as the Social Chair. Jhonny is planning to get his master in I.E. and then taking over his family’s business after graduation.

Yueqing Li — Graduate, Nanyang, China
Eric Malstrom Endowed Memorial Scholarship $1500

Yueqing is from Nanyang, China. He graduated from Zhengzhou University, China in 2000, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He received his master degree in Economics from Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China, in 2006. He has worked as a teacher for 3 years and a marketing manager for six months in China before coming to the University of Arkansas. He is now conducting research in the field of Brain Computer Interface and Haptic Interface, under the guidance of Dr. C.S. Nam. His goal is to help people with motor disabilities and visual impairment to live a better life with his knowledge and research.

Prabuddha Lohani — Senior, Kathmandu, Nepal
David and Nancy Foust AAIE Endowed Scholarship $2000

Prabuddha Lohani is the son of Min Bahadur Lohani and Radhika Lohani. Prabuddha graduated from Deepshika High School, Nepal in 2003. He received a major in biology from Gramin Adharsha Multiple Campus-Nepal in 2005. In 2006 Prabuddha came to the United States where he studied at Oklahoma State University. He transferred to the University of Arkansas in the spring of 2007. His plans include attending graduate school after graduation from University of Arkansas and he is expecting his parents to visit for graduation. Prabuddha enjoys life he is always willing to try something new. He especially enjoys traveling, movies, reading, visiting with friends and family and watching college football and basketball.
Stephanie Marhefka — Sophomore, West Plains, Missouri
AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship $1500

Stephanie is the daughter of Shawn and Tom Marhefka. She grew up in West Plains, Missouri, where she graduated from West Plains High School in 2007. She is currently a sophomore pursuing a degree in Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas. Stephanie is an active member of Pi Beta Phi, IIE, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and the Golden Key Honor Society. In her free time, she enjoys running, basketball, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Nick Martin — Junior, Fayetteville, Arkansas
AAIE Scholarship $1000
AAIE Jim and Jane Townsend Scholarship $500

Nick Martin has been a resident of Fayetteville, Arkansas for 17 years. He graduated from Fayetteville High School in 2007, and entered into the Freshmen Engineering Program at the University of Arkansas in the Fall of 2007. In his free time Nick plays guitar and works out to relax and get his mind off of school for a while. He is also a member of the University of Arkansas paintball team. A few of Nick’s other hobbies are: traveling, cycling, playing sports, and just living the college life while hanging out with friends.

Amanda McReynolds — Junior, Little Rock, Arkansas
AAIE Scholarship $500
AAIE Bill and Pat Keltner Scholarship $500

Amanda is the daughter of Kevin McReynolds and Jackie Amadeo, both of Little Rock, Arkansas. She graduated from Pulaski Academy and is now entering her junior year as an Industrial Engineer. She is also pursuing minors in Mathematics and Spanish. She will be traveling to Puntarenas, Costa Rica for a 2009 summer study abroad session to further her language skills. Amanda is a member of IIE and the Arkansas Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi.
Artsiom Revin – Junior, Osipovishi, Belarus
AAIE Scholarship $1000
AAIE Alice and Palmer Terrell Scholarship $500

Artsiom Revin is the son of Aliaksander Revin and Larisa Revina. He graduated from Osipovich’s School #4 in 2006 located in Osipovich, Belarus, and is currently pursuing an Industrial Engineering degree. Artsiom is planning to take summer school at the University of Arkansas. In his free time, Artsiom enjoys hanging out with friends, talking to his parents, playing intramural sports, watching movies, playing golf, tennis, and running.

Tanvir Sattar — Senior, Dhaka, Bangladesh
AAIE Ron and Betty Morris Scholarship $1000

Tanvir Sattar is the son of Dr. Humayun Sattar and Mrs. Rehana Sattar. He attended high school in Dhaka, Bangladesh with interests in physics, chemistry and mathematics. Choosing Industrial Engineering was an easy choice, as he thoroughly enjoys the course materials which are stimulating as well as challenging. After finishing his B.S. degree, Tanvir plans to attend graduate school in Industrial Engineering at the University of Arkansas. Tanvir credits all his achievements to God and his family for their continuous support in helping him to achieve his goal of building a career as an Industrial Engineer.

Christopher Chase Shaw — Senior, Bryant, Arkansas
AAIE Scholarship $500
AAIE Buck and Colleen Johns Scholarship $500

Chase is the son of Chris and Tammy Shaw and Jann Middleton. He is a senior at the University of Arkansas and is a graduate of Bryant High School in Bryant Arkansas. He recently served as a student ambassador, providing tours to prospective students. In the summer of 2009, Chase will work for Frito-Lay in Jonesboro, Arkansas where he will try to help eliminate waste at the factory. He looks forward to finishing his Industrial Engineering degree in the fall of 2010. In his spare time Chase enjoys playing sports and being with friends and family.
Rajendra Silwal — Junior, Kathmandu, Nepal
John Selig Scholarship $1500

Rajendra Silwal is from Nepal, he has been in the United States for three years. The youngest child of Min Raj Silwal and the late Subhadra Silwal. His plans include attending graduate school to complete his master’s degree and thereafter obtain his PhD from the University of Arkansas. Rajendra sees every problem as an opportunity “because every time you face a problem, it will certainly teach you something new and valuable.” Rajendra is a sports fan mainly of football, soccer, and basketball. He also loves being at the University of Arkansas and cherishes the opportunities that studying here offers to him.

Rachel M. Townsley — Junior, Little Rock, Arkansas
John L. and Lois Imhoff Endowed Scholarship $2000
Ron and Betty Morris AAIE Scholarship $3000

Rachel is the daughter of Lindel and Soon-Mee Townsley, and is pursuing a bachelors degree in Industrial Engineering. She will serve as the Alpha Pi Mu Corresponding Secretary and the Tau Beta Pi Program Chair in the 2009-2010 academic year. Additionally, Rachel will be serving as a peer mentor in the Freshman Engineering Program. This summer, she will be conducting research in nanotechnology at a NSF undergraduate research program at the University of Illinois. In her free time, Rachel likes to spend time with friends, travel, read, and is learning to play the guitar.

Jonathan Whitmore — Sophomore, Plano, Texas
AAIE Bill and Margaret Harrison Scholarship $500
AAIE Jim and Annette Hawkins Scholarship $500

Jonathan Whitmore was born in 1989 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the older brother of Andrew Whitmore and the son of Marcia and David Whitmore. Jonathan moved to Plano, Texas when he was 6 years old and graduated from Plano Senior High School in the spring of 2008. He received Honorable mention in the all-district league for the Plano Senior High School football team during his senior year. Jonathan enjoys traveling and hopes to find a career that will allow him to do so as often as possible.
On behalf of the scholarship recipients and the Department of Industrial Engineering, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude.

Thank you for your commitment of support to the IE Department and to these scholars, as we strive to prepare this generation of engineers for the competitive global marketplace.