

National Trig-Star Committee Selects Winners of the Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star and Teaching Excellence Awards

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 17, 2010 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were thirty-four state winners submitted. A past president of NSPS, Richard Lomax was the driving force behind the elevation of the local Trig-Star program to the national level. In October 1994, Board action named this high school trigonometry skill award in his honor.

The Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards are as follows:

First Place: Jiyong Shim, Cherokee Trail High School, Aurora, Colorado
Second Place: Tyler Fugere, Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas
Third Place: Nikhil Das, Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, California

The Richard E. Lomax National Teaching Excellence Awards are as follows:

First Place: Mrs. Dotty Dady, Cherokee Trail High School, Aurora, Colorado
Second Place: Mrs. Mary Walker, Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas
Third Place: Ms. Linda Van Solkema, Rancho Buena Vista High School, Vista, California

The first place student receives \$2,000, second place student receives \$1,000, and third place student receives \$500. The first place teacher receives \$1,000, second place teacher receives \$500, and third place teacher receives \$250. The Trig-Star Policy states that "the National Student and Teacher Awards be given to the winning students at or before the next state professional land surveying organization conference of the student's home state."

The following is a list of the remaining State Winners in the order of finish: Zachary Garcia, Virginia; Forrest Csuy, Maryland; Laura Vonessen, Montana; Samuel Wesley Hicks, Georgia; Libby Jean Aldosa, Hawaii; Tyler Chenhall, Iowa; Jacob Kelley, Michigan; Bufang Liang, New Jersey; Kevin Freese, Kansas; Chris Hazel, Illinois; David Brann, Maine; David Gaston, Connecticut; Alan Landers, Missouri; Sam Wu, Nevada; Dillon Yost, Tennessee; Eric Whitmire, North Carolina; Gustavo Hornedo Cruz, Puerto Rico; Jacob Pruitt, Indiana; Kaelee Noorda, New Hampshire; Brad Peck, Idaho; Michael Scheetz, Wyoming; Jacob Chaney, Oregon; Pingbo Yang, Minnesota; Yeonjoo Kwon, Utah; Hongkai Pan, Wisconsin; Robert Cordiak, Ohio; Andrew Wise, Pennsylvania; Zalra Dhanji, Florida; Kevin Barry, South Dakota; Jacob Saracino, New York; Christopher John, Washington.

The Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star and Teaching Excellence Awards are a few of several annual NSPS awards. For more information about the NSPS awards and scholarship programs, please contact NSPS, 6 Montgomery Village Avenue, Suite #403, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, (240) 632-9716 ext. 105, e-mail: Trisha Milburn at trisha.milburn@acsm.net or visit the NSPS web site at www.nspsmo.org.