

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 2011 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 8, 2011 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were thirty-two 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: Roberto J. Perez Santiago, Juan Quirindongo Morell High School, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Second Place: Yan Li, Rantoul Township High School, Rantoul, Illinois
Third Place: Sean Phenisee, Graham Kapowsin High School, Graham, Washington

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

First Place: Josiel Rosado Tirado, Juan Quirindongo Morell High School, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Second Place: Brad Heller, Rantoul Township High School, Rantoul, Illinois
Third Place: David Anderson, Graham Kapowsin High School, Graham, Washington

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: David Brann, Maine; Richard Wang, Texas; Laura Vonessen, Montana; Gregory Partridge, New Hampshire; Simon Ewing, Oregon; Samson Bauer, South Dakota; Forrest Csuy, Maryland; Travis Le, Hawaii; Bob Chen, Iowa; R.J. Clark, Kansas; Leon Wehrhan, Idaho; Whitney Shuman, Georgia; Victoria Bourgeois, Louisiana; William Gooding, Virginia; Joshua Peach, Ohio; Michael Drake, Michigan; Joseph Choi, Colorado; Adrian Devitt-Lee, California; Grant Yost, Tennessee; Charles R. Renner, Alaska; Sean David Moran, Pennsylvania; Christopher Zhang, New Jersey; Paul Otto, Wisconsin; Katelyn Gonterman, Wyoming; Jun Shinohara, Utah; Justin W. Thompson, Indiana; Paige dePolo, Nevada; Nick Erdman, Minnesota; Cara Dabney, Missouri.

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.