

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 2012 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 13, 2012 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: Laura Souza Vonessen, Sentinel High School, Missoula, Montana
Second Place: Sean Phenisee, Graham Kapowsin High School, Graham, Washington
Third Place: Wilfred Gao, Valley Catholic High School, Beaverton, Oregon

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

First Place: Sue Dolezal, Sentinel High School, Missoula, Montana
Second Place: David Andersen, Graham Kapowsin High School, Graham, Washington
Third Place: Kipp Johnson, Valley Catholic High School, Beaverton, Oregon

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: Camille Robbins, North Carolina; Shi-ke Uxue, Iowa; Nicholas Agia, Pennsylvania; Sachith Gullapalli, Virginia; Joe Barton, Illinois; Zhengyuan Ma, Hawaii; Alyssa Abraham, Missouri; Taylor Morris, Tennessee; Ngan Phung, New Jersey; Brett Loertscher, Utah; Thomas Cleary, New Hampshire; Jordan Goldstein, Maryland; Erik Oder, Alaska; Marimar Velez Ruiz, Puerto Rico; Stephan Hu, Indiana; Daniel Brown, Alabama; Francis A.W. Allen, Georgia; Kim Chung, California; Cooper Blas, Idaho; Apolonio Martinez III, Colorado; Devin Vancleef, New York; Urmil Patel, Ohio; Kyle Satterstrom, Wisconsin; Yinshuo Zhang, Minnesota; Angela Zhang, Texas; Cal Salisbury, Michigan; Anthony Abbazia, Connecticut; Nicholas Sunkler, Delaware; Macy Morrison, Maine; Seth Lubbers, Kansas; Yang Si (Sienna), Nevada.

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, 5119 Pegasus Court, Frederick, MD 21704, (240) 439-4615, e-mail: Trisha Milburn at trisha.milburn@nsps.us.com, or visit the NSPS web site at www.nsps.us.com.