

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 2013 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 12, 2013 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were thirty-five 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: Adeesh Alok Jain, Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas
Second Place: Taylor McReary, San Luis Obispo High School, San Luis Obispo, California
Third Place: Ivan Ye, West High School, Iowa City, Iowa

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

First Place: Mary Walker, Flower Mound High School, Flower Mound, Texas
Second Place: Blake Bristol, San Luis Obispo High School, San Luis Obispo, California
Third Place: James Kirpes, West High School, Iowa City, Iowa

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: Owen Stewart, Nevada; Casey LeeVan, Indiana; Jingyu Li, Wyoming; Songlin Wu, Utah; Jonathan Shum, New Hampshire; Anthony Abbazia, Jr., Connecticut; Christopher Zhang, New Jersey; Alex Croxford, Illinois; Derek Hueske, Pennsylvania; Will Drayer, Ohio; Jonathan Dubose, Maryland; Sophia Leddy, Kansas; Jin Lu, Alabama; Sam Shuman, Washington; Jeremy Brethauer, South Dakota; Tina Wu, Minnesota; Ray Herbert, Georgia; Sam Fedeler, Virginia; Angi Duan, North Carolina; Carmen Miele, Montana; David Maldonado Ruiz, Puerto Rico; Ruth Tsige, Colorado; Shauna Jacob, Wisconsin; Benjamin Burton, Tennessee; Tanner McGill, Idaho; Ryan Miller, Louisiana; Sam Mauch, North Dakota; Michael Carson, Oregon; Gabriel Tilton, Maine; Rebecca Prock, Missouri; Anday Pishchalenko, Hawaii; and Michael Brereton, Delaware.

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.