

IAAP Education Foundation Scholarship Programs

The **Education Foundation Scholarship** supports students learning and training to be the next generation of professionals in the industry.

German Laiton- Frank Geske Memorial Scholarship Winner

German is a Junior at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He is majoring in Civil Engineering and hopes to one day own his own concrete company. He is heavily involved in the IIT ASCE chapter and invited the IAAP to speak to the group about career opportunities in the aggregate industry. German is sustainably conscious and actively participates in ongoing research investigating the integration of fly ash as a supplementary cementitious material in precast concrete applications. He resides in Bourbonnais and wishes to begin his professional career near Chicago.

Ruby Garey- Casper Stolle Quarry Scholarship Winner

Ruby is a Junior at Illinois State University. She is majoring in Geology and plans to pursue a graduate degree in geology or environmental science. She completed an internship with the Public Works department and believes economic geology is crucial. Her ultimate goal is to conduct field work in structural geology. Ruby is looking forward to visiting Iceland to research igneous petrography. Ruby is from the Rockford area.

Michael Giaimo- Ozinga Materials Scholarship Winner

Michael is a Senior at Northern Illinois University. He is majoring in Geology with a focus in petrology, metamorphic, and economic deposits. He is looking forward to expanding into the professional world and making an impact, but may continue his education into graduate school at NIU. He hopes to stay in Illinois near his family and pursue a career in the aggregate mining industry.

Katie Bottom- Education Foundation Scholarship Winner

Katie is a Sophomore at Virginia Tech. She is majoring in Mine Engineering and completed an internship with Holcim last summer, where she gained hands-on experience to related her classroom experience to real world applications. Katie's father, Jim, is also a mine engineer and works for Heidelberg Materials. She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and was chosen to represent Virginia Tech at their conference in Texas. She hopes to have multiple internships to help her decide her career trajectory.

Hannah McCoon- Education Foundation Scholarship Winner

Hannah is a Sophomore at Augustana College in Rock Island and majoring in Geology and Spanish language. Hannah works for the city of Moline and completed an internship at RiverStone logging cores and creating a stratigraphic report. She is always up for a challenge and has a passion for eco-friendly sustainability. Hannah lives in Port Byron, Illinois.

The **Joanne Kluessendorf Memorial Scholarship** promotes the education of individuals seeking a career in teaching Earth Science or Geology to students or the general public.

Lydia Howard- Joanne Klussendorf Memorial Scholarship Winner

Lydia is a Junior at Eastern Illinois University. She is majoring in Geology and minoring in GIS. She is a teaching assistant and interned at Eagle Mine in Michigan. While she enjoyed her internship, she hopes to stay in Illinois near her family. She is considering continuing her education to become a professor focused in Petrology, Mineralogy, and Economic Deposits.