

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

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Scholarship Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 15, 2006 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year, there were thirty-three state winners submitted. The awards will be presented in a special ceremony at the NSPS Board of Governors meeting during the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) annual conference in St. Louis, MO. 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 Scholarships are awarded as follows:

- First Place: Zhenhua Cui, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, California
- Second Place: Christopher Berlind, Hollis/Brookline High School, Hollis, New Hampshire
- Third Place: Patrick Flick, Tri-Central High School, Sharpsville, Indiana

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

- First Place: Mrs. Dawn Bova, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, California
- Second Place: Ms. Stacey Plummer, Hollis/Brookline High School, Hollis, New Hampshire
- Third Place: Ms. Andrea Powell, Tri-Central High School, Sharpsville, Indiana

The following is a list of the State Winners in the order of finish:

Zhenhau Cui, California; Christopher Berlind, New Hampshire; Patrick Flick, New Hampshire; Fan Huang, Illinois; Daniel Jaskot, Virginia; Jay Yong, Michigan; Joey Statz, South Dakota; Kevin Chen, Oregon; Bryan Minor, Washington; Michael Powell, Kansas; Derek Schmidt, Minnesota; Christopher Kramer, Connecticut; Austin Sutton, Missouri; Ian Minton, Alaska; John Berman, North Carolina; Jeffrey Zou, Texas; Bryce Lampe, Wisconsin; Victor Forsman, Montana; Casey Machen, Nevada; Paul Hlebowitsh, Iowa; Brandon DeJean, Louisiana; Eric Johnsrud, New Jersey; David VanDevander, Tennessee; Noel Sanjuan, Pennsylvania; Jennifer Huang, Mississippi; Benjamin W. Jensen, Utah; Charles Skold, Maine; James Vance Schearback II, Georgia; Jordan Fox, Ohio; Meredith Edwards, Maryland; Carlos Juan Rodriguez Arroyo, Puerto Rico; Greg Earnhart, New York; Sunghoon (Henry) Cho, Florida.

The Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Scholarships 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. 113, e-mail: pat.canfield@acsm.net or visit the ACSM web site at www.acsm.net or the NSPS web site at www.nspsmo.org.



A High School Trigonometry Skill Awards Program administered
by the National Society of Professional Surveyors

2006-2007 LOCAL TRIG-STAR TEST AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2006

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

- To promote excellence in the mastery of mathematics in high school;
- To honor high school students who have demonstrated their superior skill among classmates at the local, state and national levels;
- To acquaint high school students with the use and practical applications of mathematics in the surveying professions;
- To build an awareness of surveying and mapping as a profession among mathematically skilled high school students, career guidance counselors, and high school math teachers.

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

A local sponsor is needed for each participating High School. Only one TRIG-STAR will be allowed per high school per year. The local sponsor must apply to NSPS on this application form and list the name of the High School where the contest will be held. A contest packet containing contest instructions, a test packet, an award plaque (if ordered), and a sample news release will be forwarded by NSPS to the local sponsor. The local sponsor will be responsible for making all the local arrangements. The winner will be eligible to compete in the NSPS National Trig-Star Contest and contest information will be supplied with the contest packet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO DOWNLOAD
A SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION
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2006 GIS in the Rockies Conference

on track to be one of the biggest to date

The 2006 GIS in the Rockies Conference will be held September 13 – 15, 2006 at INVESCO Field at Mile High stadium in Denver, Colorado. The six sponsoring societies and organizations share a dedication to promote professional development, education, and general community outreach while helping people understand the uses and benefits of GIS technology.

“This year’s theme, “GIS: From Behind the Scene to Extreme,” illustrates the emergence of GIS as not only a mainstream technology, but one that has gone well beyond its day-to-day uses,” said Mike Greer, Chair of the GIS in the Rockies Planning Committee. “From assessing and mitigating damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to new and innovative uses such as Google Earth, GIS is showing up in the hands of more and more people each day. No longer considered a back room technology used by scientists and map makers, GIS in the Rockies 2006 aims to showcase the varied and exciting uses of GIS across a broad array of interests and needs.”

Panel sessions will be organized along the following program tracks:

GIS for Utilities • Advanced Data Acquisition and Mapping • GIS for Surveyors—Spatially Enabling your Business • GIS in Public Policy Remote Sensing • Data Sharing • Homeland Security & Emergency Response • Maps in Applications Spatially Enabling IT • Mapping Goes Mainstream • Vendor Showcase

Off-site visits and activities will take place in and around the Denver metro area on September 15th. Interested GIS and Surveying professionals can register for conference entry online at the event website: www.GISintheRockies.org. Questions about attending the conference should be directed to chair@gisintherockies.org. [Karen Meckel]

About GIS in the Rockies

GIS in the Rockies is a technology conference providing community outreach, education and professional development for people interested in Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. Formed by several professional societies and organizations, the conference enjoys its 19th annual event at INVESCO Field at Mile High stadium in Denver, Colorado USA. The sponsoring societies include: the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Geospatial Information and Technology Association (GITA), the Colorado Section of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM), the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado (PLSC), the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and GIS Colorado.

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