

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 2016 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 15, 2016 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were thirty-eight 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: Collin Free, Syracuse High School, Syracuse, Utah
Second Place: Avi Swartz, Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, Colorado
Third Place: Aaron Sun, Ed W. Clark High School, Las Vegas, Nevada

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

First Place: Ashley Martin, Syracuse High School, Syracuse, Utah
Second Place: Dotty Dady, Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, Colorado
Third Place: Sandra D. Jordan, Ed W. Clark High School, Las Vegas, Nevada

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: Junhee Lee, Iowa; Veronica Xinyu Gu, Minnesota; Thomas Szczesniak, Michigan; Dagin Lin, Connecticut; John Mastroberti, South Carolina; Yiwei Lyu, Pennsylvania; Tao Lu, Texas; Antonio Faraci, New York; Qingfeng Li, Wyoming; Giovanni Budi, North Carolina; Stephan Terry, Delaware; Alan Zho, South Dakota; Veronica Lahony Suarez Torres, Puerto Rico; Noah Paladino, New Jersey; Elizabeth Asp, North Dakota; William Quinn Marsh, California; Andrew Reimer-Berg, Oregon; Zander Rossman, Wisconsin; Travis Casey, Kansas; William Zhang, Alabama; Jelisa Holmquist, Montana; William Luqiu, Virginia; Nicholas Lillis, Maine; Walter Johnson, Kentucky; Madison Gaines, Maryland; Thomas Pointer, Missouri; Jeffery Mayolo, Washington; Timothy Kammerer, New Hampshire; Christian Lynch, Massachusetts; Wyatt Evan Turner, Georgia; Joel Niemi, Ohio; Haoxiang Li, Illinois; Tingyi Lu, Indiana; Drake Thomas, Alaska; Kael Stelek, Idaho.

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.