

NSCA Education Foundation Awards Scholarships to Students Entering Industry

The NSCA Education Foundation awarded 10 scholarships in July to students pursuing careers in the commercial electronic systems industry.

Recipients of the scholarships include:

- Jesse Ashby
- Matthew Ayo
- Jason Denner
- Byron Duarte
- Gary Fine
- Thomas Evans
- Andrew Hart
- John Hayes
- Tyson King
- Dawn Meade

Scholarship winners were selected based on their applications, grade point averages, work experiences and letters of recommendation. In addition to the NSCA Scholarship, Ashby and Hayes each also received a \$2,500 Robert Bosch scholarship.

The NSCA Education Foundation focuses on recruiting the next generation of professionals into the commercial electronic systems industry by funding scholarships, NSCA student memberships and job resources.

"The Foundation's scholarship program is a major resource for students interested in one of the fastest growing industries," said Tom Frericks, NSCA Education Foundation president. "With the support of our industry partners and many contractors and integrators, the Foundation is able to provide this year's recipients with financial assistance so they can focus on their education and become the leaders of the next generation of integrators."

Byron Duarte expressed in his application the desire to improve the electronic and audio industry in his native country of Guatemala. He realizes that a "green" future will become the norm and hopes to take the knowledge he is learning now and apply it to advancing the industry in Guatemala. Thomas Evans also reiterated this point and hopes to turn his passion of anything audio into a global, yet personally unique, product.

Dawn Meade, with more than 12 years of experience in the industry, said there was nothing better than going to work every day and getting to "play" for pay.

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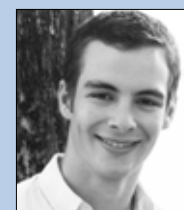
Gary Fine described his hopes for his future career as the ability to combine both the technical and artistic aspects of audio systems.

"The synergy of subjectivity and art with mechanical structure and mathematical reason in electronic recording systems and live sound reinforcement systems transcends all other medias and mediums," Fine said.

The ability to apply passion and technical knowledge to create a more personal experience for a crowd of thousands resided in all of this year's winners. The industry can look forward to years of great talent entering the workforce.

For more information about the NSCA Education Foundation, visit www.nscafoundation.org or call 800.446.6722.

Meet Our Scholarship Winners



JESSE ASHBY
Christopher Newport University, Theatre and Dance

"I have aspirations to become a professional trainer and a systems

consultant in audiovisual, information and entertainment technologies. The generous scholarship from NSCA will allow me to focus on my future ambitions without worrying about what job will pay off student loans the fastest."



MATTHEW AYO
Columbia College Chicago, Acoustics

"I plan to continue my education and to strive for excellence in the field of Audio Engineering

and Systems Design. After graduation from Columbia, I am considering a Ph.D. in Audiology from Northwestern University. This scholarship will allow me to connect with others, open more doors in the future and become a successful audio engineering professional."



JASON DENNER
Kirkwood Community College, Electronic Engineering Technology

"The money I received from NSCA will go toward my tuition for my last year in

the Electronic Engineering Technology program at Kirkwood Community College. It helps me concentrate on my studies, so I can maintain my GPA. I am excited to finish school and getting into the electronics field."



BYRON DUARTE
Columbia College Chicago, Audio Arts and Acoustics

"I look forward to improving the electronic and audio industry in my country, Guatemala. I understand

that, for a better world, we must live 'green', and that future is within the electronics industry. I plan to take what I've learned at Columbia College and help my country advance in this ever-changing world."



GARY FINE
Columbia College Chicago, Audio Arts and Acoustics

"I've been drawn to electric audio systems and live music, and although I love to play music, my true

interest has been in the steps taken to achieve certain aspects of recorded sound or live sound reinforcement. Everyday, I find new ways to apply what I've learned to the work that I do."



THOMAS EVANS
Columbia College Chicago, Audio Design & Production

"I have been recording and producing my own music since 2005 and also

have an interest in creating sounds effects. NSCA's scholarship will help during my second year at Columbia College in the areas of audio arts and acoustics."



ANDREW HART
Columbia College Chicago, Audio Arts and Acoustics

"I am very grateful that I was selected for NSCA's scholarship. The scholarship will help me pay for my

books and other supplies needed for my senior year at Columbia College."



JOHN HAYES
Columbia College Chicago, Audio Arts and Acoustics

"NSCA's scholarship has helped me focus on finishing my education goals in my final year at

Columbia College Chicago. The education from my sound contracting and acoustics degree will help me to improve the design and implementation of sound installations and the difficult acoustic challenges that modern designs present."



TYSON KING
Kirkwood Community College, Electronic Engineering Technology

"My goal is to graduate from the Electronic Engineering Technology

program at Kirkwood Community College. The scholarship will go toward tuition and allow me to further my education in the electronic field. The extra help has allowed me to concentrate more on my studies and continue to stay on the dean's list."



DAWN MEADE
University of Maryland University College, Graduate School of Management and Technology, Information and Technology Systems

"I am grateful to receive NSCA's scholarship. This money will further my AV and technology education as I work toward a dual Masters in Technology Management and MBA at the University of Maryland, University College. NSCA's scholarship is strengthening the future of our industry by ensuring the continued survival of a small, woman-owned AV business for decades to come."