

19 Students Earn APWA Scholarships for 2022-2023

The Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation has awarded \$34,500 in scholarships to 19 Oregon community college and university students for the 2022-2023 school year. The Scholastic Foundation was incorporated in 1994, by the members of the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association with the goal of establishing a stable revenue source for funding student scholarships. Today the Foundation has more than \$700,00 in assets and over the years has awarded more than 300 scholarships totaling more than \$460,000.

Eligible recipients of the Foundation's scholarship grants are students of Oregon colleges or universities who have achieved junior standing, and whose chosen education field is related to Public Works. Individuals working in the Public Works field who are continuing their formal education are also eligible for a scholarship.

Here's a look at this year's scholarship recipients.

Lesvia Sierra Hidalgo was awarded a \$750 Civil Engineering/Transfer/Drinking Water/ GIS Scholarship at the Clackamas Community College. Lesvia is a full-time student in CCC's WET program with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Her long-term goal is to expand her knowledge in biochemical reactions, technical procedures, quality control techniques, technologies and maintenance to build a strong career as part of a decision-making team in water treatment.

Megan Clausen received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at George Fox University. Megan is working towards a degree in civil engineering and has a cumulative GPA of 3.4. After gaining some field experience, Megan envisions working in the Pacific Northwest for a company with a strong representation of diverse employees. She recently served as an intern for Yamhill County Public Works and was delighted to learn she was the first female to receive the position.

Nathaniel Koenig received a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at George Fox University. This scholarship is funded through a partnership with the Asphalt Paving Association of Oregon. Nathaniel is a junior working towards a degree in civil engineering and has a cumulative GPA of 2.8. He's still deciding between water resources, marine, geotechnical and transportation engineering and to help his decision-making, has worked with Clackamas County on road maintenance and transportation related project. He is hoping to work with either the National Guard or Army Corps of Engineers in disaster relief efforts or preventative engineering projects for dams, levees, and bridges.

Karoline Herkamp received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Karoline is also last year's recipient of this scholarship. She has a GPA of 3.43 and continues her effort towards a double major in civil engineering and environmental science and a master's degree in civil engineering by June 2023. Karoline would like to work on water and environmental projects, which she hopes will lead her to be able to work on outdoor recreational facilities or environmental restoration projects.

Caroline Schulze received a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. This scholarship is funded through a partnership with the Asphalt Paving Association of Oregon. Caroline has a GPA of 4.0. Her areas of study are transportation and geotechnical. She did an internship with GRI conducting pavement condition inspections in

low- and high-traffic urban areas utilizing Street Saver as the primary management program. Caroline's career objective as a civil engineer will be to end each project knowing that the infrastructure she helped design had a more positive impact on the community and environment compared to similar historical installations.

Mark Villanueva was awarded a \$500 Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Mark has a GPA of 3.97. His areas of study include structural, transportation, water resources, and geotechnical, and he's been listed on OIT's President's List for seven consecutive terms. Following graduation, Mark plans to work as an engineer in training and becoming an Oregon licensed professional engineer. He plans to return home where he can share his experience gained working in the mainland.

Sophia Spisak received the \$2,000 Kurt Corey Tribute Scholarship at Oregon State University. Sophia maintains a GPA of 3.77. She decided to pursue civil engineering with the hope of creating and improving public works. She wants to become an EIT while working towards becoming a licensed professional engineer. Sophia wants to create public spaces and resources that improve the everyday lives of people and coexist with our natural environments.

Christian Papineau was awarded the \$1,500 Don and Cathy Schut Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Christian maintains a GPA of 3.29. He was accepted into OSU's MECOP program, which provides the opportunity to connect with industry professionals and work in the industry. He wants to attain his B.S. in environmental engineering, become a licensed professional engineer with a focus on mitigating the effects of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) on our environment.

Olivia Edwards was awarded a \$1,500 Ron Polvi Civil Engineering/Sustainability Scholarship at Oregon State University. Olivia maintains a GPA of 3.69 and wants to become a licensed professional engineer and continue working with sustainability and environmental teams in construction material companies. For the 2021-2022 school year at OSU, Olivia achieved the Dean's List award for fall and spring term and was also awarded the Stevan Garlick Scholarship, and the Kurt Corey Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year.

Cayn Osborn received the \$2,000 Allen A. Alsing Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Cayn holds an overall GPA of 3.94 and is working towards a degree in civil engineering and a career in public works. He's already worked seasonal positions with the City of LaGrande and Baker's Public Works Departments. Last year Cayn was awarded the OSU \$3,000 Civil Engineering/Geomatics Scholarship.

Aaron Mendez was awarded a \$3,000 Civil Engineering/Geomatics Scholarship at Oregon State University. Aaron has a cumulative GPA of 3.83. His areas of study include transportation and water resources, and he plans to graduate with a B.S. in civil engineering. He aspires to follow in his father's footsteps and work in public works. Aaron hopes to bring diversity and equity in every space he is a part of.

Bryce Cunningham received a \$1,500 Veteran's Scholarship at Oregon State University. Bryce has a cumulative GPA of 3.08. He served as a PFC in the US Marine Corp and was honorably discharged in 2016. His long-term educational goals are to complete his B.S. and M.S. in civil

engineering and then apply for work with ODOT where he would like to further our progress into green infrastructure and renewable energies.

Falvio Davila received a \$750 Civil Engineering Technology or Civil Engineering Transfer Program Scholarship at Portland Community College. Falvio is still determining his career path; he currently is considering computer drafting and design. In high school Flavio was a member of the National Honor Society and was 16th in his class of 259 and achieved a cumulative GPA of 4.12 while at high school. He scored a 2000 on his SATs as well and was among the top high school students in mathematics. After graduating from high school Flavio attended Occidental College for a year. Now at Portland Community College he maintains a GPA of 4.00.

Caitlin Jacobson was awarded a \$3,000 Civil Engineering/Geomatics/Geotechnical Scholarship at Portland State University. Caitlin is pursuing a degree in civil engineering and maintains an overall GPA of 3.58. After graduating, Caitlin wants to join the Peace Corp or Engineers Without Borders and then then find a career where she can continue to gain experience as a civil engineer and determine an area to specialize in.

Amber Lamet was awarded the \$1,000 Michael Lindberg Scholarship at Portland State University. Amber anticipates graduating in spring 2023 with a master's degree in urban and regional planning. Amber hopes to be part of a planning movement that connects human communities to the benefits of wild spaces all the while allowing healthy managed forests, wildlife, and green spaces to thrive. "By completing the Urban and Regional Planning Program, I will have the skills to partner my wildlife research experience and valuable natural resource management insight to become a liaison between agencies and an advocate for forward-thinking environmental urban development and accomplish my goal by becoming a successful community planner."

Jacob Mitchell received a \$750 Forestry, Natural Resources Scholarship at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Jacob has a cumulative GPA of 3.83. He is currently working toward an A.S. in forestry management/forest restoration and fsire and will complete the program in 2023 and then transfer to OSU to complete his B.S. degree. Jacob would like to remain in the Pacific Northwest to pursue his career gaining experience in both the public and private sectors.

Audrey Hughey received a \$750 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Umpqua Community College. Audrey has a GPA of 4.0. Her goal is to finish her undergraduate degree at UCC and then transfer to OIT to pursue a B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering.

Cassidy Yoshiko Hamamoto was awarded a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at University of Portland. Cassidy has a GPA of 3.24. She plans to become an environmental engineer in Hawaii where she wants to help with water quality in the islands. She would also like to expand her career to third world countries to help bring clean water systems to the people.

Julianna Galian received the \$1,500 Past Presidents Scholarship at University of Portland. Julianna has a GPA of 3.13. She plans on graduating from UP with a B.S. in civil engineering in spring 2024 and wants to work for either an engineering firm or municipality in a way that she can advocate for active and multi modal transportation and safe and equitable infrastructure.