

Aerospace Education Update September 2016

The Aerospace Education Council, working closely with our AFA Staff, has had a very busy summer. As we are in the final stages of preparing for our national convention, we have announcements from two of our major programs.

Our National Teacher of the Year is Mr. Greg Ennis, Tennessee Valley Chapter 335, Alabama. Greg Ennis is a 12-year veteran teacher and is currently at James Clemens High School in Madison, Alabama. He teaches 9-12 grade engineering. Among his numerous accomplishments, Greg was the team chief for his school's StellarXplorers team which made it to the 2016 national finals.

The First Runner Up is Ms. Meredith Swartzendruber, BGen Bill Spruance Chapter 282, Delaware. Meredith Swartzendruber has been teaching for 9 years and currently is at Everett Meredith Middle School in Middletown, Delaware. She is teaching Earth and Space Science. Meredith worked with her AFA chapter to implement the Visions of Education program and is actively recruiting fellow educators into the AFA.

The Second Runner Up is Cecelia Ann Carroll, BGen Harrison H. Thyng Chapter 249, New Hampshire. Celia Ann Carroll has spent the last 25 years at Hampstead Academy in Hampstead, New Hampshire. She teaches mathematics. Always looking for new ways to broaden her and her students' horizons, she joined the Civil Air Patrol and began using their STEM curriculum and STEM kits.

Thank you to Rolls-Royce for signing up to be a multi-year sponsor of our National Teacher of the Year program

Last week we announced the recipients of our competitive Scholarship programs. First, the Mike and Gail Donley Spouse scholarships, one awarded in each Air Force Major Command. Scholarships are for \$2,500 and we had 189 applications.

ACC: Diane Cheek	AETC: Katherine Reams	AFGSC: Justina Or
AFMC: Lynette Roquemore	AFRC: Denise Bernard	AFSOC: Ivy Cervantes
AFSPC: Rachel Tate	AMC: Nicole Nunez	ANG: Jodie Gallegos
AFDW: Sonya Rayford Cage	PACAF: April Albeza	USAF: Daniel Holley

Captain Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) – SMSGT Jacob Wolf

Colonel Aaron Burgstein Memorial Scholarships (\$1,000) – Elizabeth Milton and Samantha Hestad

Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti Scholarship (\$5,000) – Samantha Hestad

Colonel Loren J. and Lawona R. Spencer Scholarship (\$5,000) – SRA Samantha Friedman

George and Vicki Muellner Foundation Scholarships (\$5,000) – Cadet (AAS) Dayanara Munoz and (SW) Laura Kuo

Congratulations to all these folks and a big thank you to all the chapters and AFA staff for working on these vital programs which acknowledge and support Aerospace Education and Educators. I strongly encourage all of our chapters with local recipients to congratulate these great folks and get as much publicity as possible. In addition, now is the time for all chapters to reach out to their local

CAP/AFJROTC/schools to sign up teams for StellarXplorers and CyberPatriot. Sign-ups close out next month. I look forward to discussing these programs with our field and senior leaders at the convention.

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