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## **GUCA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The GUCA Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the scholarships awarded to GUCA members children. The Foundation has two scholarship types. One is the industry scholarship awarded to students who are seeking an education degree related to the utility construction industry. The other is a scholarship for graduating high school seniors entering into college to help promote and further their education.

The Foundation gave two industry scholarships to students in construction and/or building construction programs for 2010. The following received \$2,000.00 each.



Derek Buffardi, the son of Derek C. and Martha J. Buffardi, Godwin Pumps, Kennesaw, Georgia. Derek is currently attending Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in civil/environmental engineering. Darren's goal is to obtain both his Bachelor and Master's degree and work with waste systems in the utility construction industry.



Daren Higginbotham, the son of Grady Higginbotham and Irene Erwin, Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., Atlanta, Georgia. Sean is currently attending Southern Polytechnic State University majoring in construction management. Daren's goal is to work for one company so as to retire knowing his career work directly influenced the growth of that company.

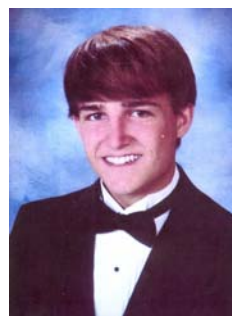
The Foundation also gave seven high school senior scholarships for 2010. The following received \$1,000.00 each.



Christen Elise Carroll, the daughter of Clark and Lisa Carroll, Aiken Grading Company, Dallas, Georgia. Christen graduated from Hillgrove High School and plans to attend Mercer University to obtain her Physicians Assistant certification.



Sarah Kicklighter, the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Kicklighter, Southern Champion Construction, Inc., Savannah, Georgia. Sarah graduated from Jupiter High School and plans to attend Palm Beach Atlantic University. She plans to obtain a bachelors degree in art with a minor in childhood education. Her goal is to teach elementary and middle school, specifically Spanish classes and theater arts.



Cooper Lowe, the son of Eddie and Suzanne Lowe, McWane Cast Iron Pipe Co., Macon, Georgia. Cooper graduated from Rutland High school and plans to attend Armstrong Atlantic State University. He plans to major in computer engineering.



Jacob Lowery, the son of Timothy and Susanne Lowery, City of Senoia, Senoia, Georgia. Jacob graduated from East Coweta High School and plans to attend the University of West Georgia. He plans to major in foreign languages to allow him to be a linguistic for the CIA.



Cassandra Merrigan, the daughter of James Merrigan and Beth Cusick, Archer Western Contractors, Ltd., Atlanta, Georgia. Cassandra attended the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School and plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology. She plans to focus on chemical engineering allowing her to

apply her degree in a research field to help advance technology.



Caleb Morris, the son of Buddy and Dawn Morris, Lenox Utility Contractors, LLC, Lenox, Georgia. Caleb graduated from Cook High School and plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology. He plans to study mechanical engineering ranging from transportation to finance in

business, government and universities. His goal is to work in the automobile or agriculture industry and possibly one day own his father's business.



Nicole K. Young, the daughter of Lonnie and Kim Blackstone, Rhino Services, LLC, Palmetto, Georgia. Nicole graduated from The Heritage School

and plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design. Nicole would like to work for a company like Pixar upon graduation doing concept art or digital animation.

The GUCA Scholarship Foundation is a 50/C (3) charitable foundation created to help advance the college opportunities of GUCA contractor and associate member's employee's children. The Scholarship Foundation is funded by proceeds from the Scholarship Foundation Sporting Clay Event and private donations. This year the GUCA held a very successful sporting clay event on April 12, 2010 where all proceeds went to benefit this Foundation. Individual and corporate pledges are available and endowments and honorable contributions can be established in memory or honor of any company or individual.