



# Five SIUE School of Engineering students land IPLSA scholarships

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EDWARDSVILLE 0 Five Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Engineering students received \$1,500 scholarships from the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor's Association (IPLSA) Foundation. The awards were announced at the 61<sup>st</sup> annual IPLSA Conference in early February at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

IPLSA scholarship awards provide financial assistance to undergraduate students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in land surveying from an accredited college or university, or a baccalaureate degree in a related science, including at least 24 semester

hours of land surveying courses from the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation Land Surveyors Licensing Board's approved curriculum at an accredited institution. Applicants must be Illinois residents attending an Illinois school.

**Seiler Instrument Scholarship** Senior Zachary Bourland, of Staunton, is the president of the Surveyor's Club and helps arrange volunteer projects for club members. Some of those projects included building a sidewalk at the SIUE School of Pharmacy, roofing a gazebo for the Highland Rotary Club, building a playground for SIUE's Early Childhood Center and helping the St. Louis Metro Boy Scouts earn their land surveying merit badges. He hopes to own a survey business in the future.

**Chicago Chapter** Senior Dustin McCurdy, of Columbia, is vice president of the Land Surveyor's Club. He has been a survey field crew intern since December 2015. He expects to graduate in December 2018 and become a professional land surveyor.

**Illinois Professional Land Surveyor's Foundation** Senior Dylan Mueller, of Nashville, is in the process of earning a bachelor's in construction management with a certificate in land surveying. During recent summer and winter breaks, he has worked with API Survey LLC in Nashville.

**Illinois Professional Land Surveyor's Foundation** Senior Michael Firtos, of Granite City, altered his degree program from civil engineering to land surveying.

**Little Egyptian Chapter** Junior Brittney Koter, of Des Plaines, has worked with Land Surveying Services, Inc., of Lake Zurich, as both a computer-aided design (CAD) technician and field technician since she was in high school. She is a construction management major with a specialization in land surveying and a minor in business.

SIUE construction management and survey specialization alum Quentin Schukar, of Edwardsville, also was recognized for induction as an Illinois professional land surveyor.

The [SIUE School of Engineering](#) offers one of the most comprehensive and affordable engineering programs in the St. Louis region with eight undergraduate degrees, five master's degrees and two cooperative doctoral programs, all housed in a state-of-the-art facility. Students learn from expert faculty, perform cutting-edge research, and participate in intercollegiate design competitions. Companies in the metropolitan St. Louis area provide students challenging internships and co-op opportunities, which often turn into permanent employment. All undergraduate programs are accredited by their respective accreditation agencies.