

ICRI 2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ICRI established a scholarship program to assist qualified applicants who plan to pursue post-secondary education in undergraduate college, university, and vocational programs directly related to a curriculum of study in concrete, concrete repair, architecture, or engineering studies (structural and civil).

For 2012, ICRI awarded a total of \$5000 to six qualified and deserving applicants. The following is an introduction to these six outstanding students—a little bit about who they are and their plans for the future.



DARYN HOBBS

Daryn Hobbs is a civil engineering student at the University of Colorado Boulder (CU), entering his fifth year in a combined bachelor's/master's program. He is originally from Alaska, where he was born and lived for 18 years prior to coming to Colorado for college. At CU, Hobbs is involved in the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and has held leadership positions as Steel Bridge Team Captain and President of the chapter. He also volunteers for the Conference on World Affairs, a multi-disciplinary conference with participants volunteering their time to come to Boulder each spring from around the world. In addition to attending CU, he spent one semester studying abroad at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. During his time in Christchurch, he experienced the 7.1 magnitude Canterbury Earthquake in 2010. This experience furthered his interests in structural engineering and seismic design. In May 2013, Hobbs plans to complete his master's degree with an emphasis on structural engineering. His research interests include bridge design, repair, and maintenance. After graduation, he would like to travel for several months before starting his career. He hopes to work as a Bridge Engineer and eventually obtain his professional engineer license.

This summer, he is working as a Bridge Engineering Intern with CH2M HILL. In his spare time, Hobbs enjoys an active lifestyle. He likes camping, hiking, and fishing in the summer and skiing and snowboarding in the winter. He is a frequent garage-sale-goer in the summer as well. He can't imagine living somewhere without mountains and hopes to either stay in Colorado after graduation or move back to his home state of Alaska.

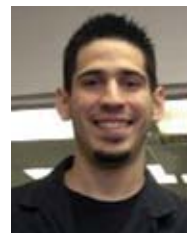


KELSEY CHASE

The second scholarship recipient is **Kelsey Chase**. She was born and raised in Lantana, FL, and graduated from Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach, FL. Living near the beach, she saw firsthand the devastating effects of salt air on the condominiums and homes along the coastline. Chase's father is a General Contractor who has specialized in concrete structural repairs and waterproofing for more than 20 years. Always intrigued by her father's business, especially from the engineering design and material development aspect, Chase excelled in state science fairs. She is currently beginning her senior year at Florida State University, studying civil engi-

neering. She plans on graduating in early 2013 and receiving her BS. Then, she plans to go on to graduate school to receive her master's degree in engineering, with focuses on structural analysis and materials research. After school, Chase hopes to find work researching and developing better concrete and waterproofing materials.

Chase has had eight consecutive semesters on the Dean's List; for four of these, she was included on the President's List. She also participates in clubs and honor societies and does community service work at Florida State and around the Tallahassee area. She is a member of ASCE and participated in the 2012 ASCE Southeast Student Conference. Chase was recently initiated into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society and is the President of the newly formed Florida State Civil Engineering Honor Society. As President, she is petitioning the Chi Epsilon Honor Society to accept and recognize Florida State University as part of their national chapter. Chase mentors incoming freshmen for the Honors Student Association and is active in community service through Caring and Helping in Community Service (CHICS). She belongs to the Wesley Foundation and the Navigators, which are campus ministries that reach out to students living on and off campus and offer spiritual guidance.



ELVIS R. TORRES

Third on the list of awardees is **Elvis R. Torres**, who is attending the New Jersey Institute of Technology and is majoring in concrete industry management. He was born in New Jersey and was raised in west New York, where he attended Sussex County Technical High School. After graduating high school, Torres decided to attend the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He started with a summer opportunity called the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP). In this program, participants prepare for the classes they will be attending in the fall. Torres chose concrete industry management as his major because it is an expanding field with so many different avenues. Torres also feels the industry is great because it is such a close community and everyone is always willing to lend a hand.

Torres is currently working part-time at Sika Corporation at the headquarters located in Lyndhurst, NJ, where he is a Lab Technician in the Technical Service Department. He is testing new and current products, running tests on products for customers, and making samples for the sales team. He strongly believes it is a great chance for him to continue learning about this field and the many opportunities it offers.



ALYSSA LALLY

The fourth recipient is **Alyssa Lally**. She is 19 years old and grew up in Arlington, TX. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler as a sophomore. Lally is studying civil engineering with a minor in math and is an alumnus of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentorship Program, which mentors high school students with an interest in those

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fields. She was also a summer intern for a local civil engineering firm (Wier & Associates, Inc.).

After graduation, Lally plans on pursuing a career in civil engineering and hopes to work in either the transportation or structural industry. In addition to pursuing a career, she wants to stay involved with organizations that help serve the community. This summer, she spent 2 weeks in Anchorage, AK, building homes with Habitat for Humanity. It was an unbelievable experience, and Lally wants to continue to use her education to serve the community around her.



CORY POWELL

ICRI's fifth scholarship winner is **Cory Powell**. Powell grew up in the small town of Ethridge, TN, and is currently a senior in the Concrete Industry Management Program at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). He will graduate from MTSU in May 2013. Throughout his time at MTSU, he has been involved in student organizations,

such as the Associated General Contractors, in which he currently holds the position of President Emeritus, as well as the American Concrete Institute (ACI). He is currently seeking employment or an internship position for the summer of 2013.



GIANCARLO GRANT

The final scholarship recipient for 2012 is **Giancarlo Grant**. Grant was born and raised in a small town 2000 feet above sea level on the Caribbean island of Jamaica. After 16 years, he eagerly boarded an aircraft to the United States so he could attend the same university where his only sibling was already enrolled. He is now a senior at the University of Texas at Arlington, studying civil engineering, and intends to complete his degree in December 2012.

In 2010, Grant was given the Outstanding Civil Engineering Sophomore Award and is currently a member of the Golden Key and Chi Epsilon Honor Societies. During the most recent spring semester, he was installed as the Marshal for his university's chapter of Chi Epsilon after being an officer in the ASCE chapter for more than a year. Grant also enjoys working as a Peer Educator, providing both supplemental instruction and tutoring. After he graduates, he intends to pursue a concentration in structural engineering and receive his doctorate. His ultimate goal is to enter into academia so he can conduct research in breakthrough technologies and techniques of the field. Grant hopes to narrow his focus as he progresses until he gradually becomes more focused on concrete repair, as he can see a definite need in that area.

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