

ICRI 2013 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 2013, ICRI awarded a total of \$5000 to five qualified and deserving applicants. The following is an introduction to these five outstanding students—a little bit about who they are and their plans for the future.



JARED REISMAN

Jared Reisman was born and raised in Santa Rosa, CA, which is just outside of San Francisco. He is currently in his senior year at California State University (CSU), Chico, where he plans to finish two BS degrees (concrete industry management [CIM] and finance) in May of 2014. During his time at CSU, Chico, he has volunteered for many community projects and become involved with several school clubs. The clubs include the Concrete Industry Management Student Society, the ICRI Student Chapter, the Investors Club, and the Chico State Snowboard and Ski Club. In addition to his activities, he has been on the honor roll for each of the past four semesters after receiving a 3.5 GPA or higher each time.

Reisman completed an internship during the summer of 2012 with Teichert Readymix in Sacramento, CA, and another in the summer of 2013 with the National Park Service repairing concrete on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco. This high-profile project is ongoing for CSU, Chico and the National Park Service and has received quite a lot of attention and recognition from the concrete repair industry. He has also studied abroad while attending CSU, Chico, spending one semester on the Gold Coast of Australia in 2011 and one semester in Marseille, France, in 2013. With his combined experience abroad and at home working with concrete, he hopes to find a job as a Project Manager with an international contractor when he graduates in May 2014.



ASHLEY WEAR

Ashley Wear is originally from the Washington, DC, area. After completing high school, he decided to move to California to begin college. He moved to Chico, CA, where he started out at a community college with intentions of transferring to Chico State University to obtain a bachelor's degree. Currently, Wear is a senior in the CIM program at Chico State and will be graduating this coming spring. This past summer, Ashley interned at Oldcastle Precast in Stockton, CA, where he learned about precast concrete and the many applications of the precast products offered. Last summer, he worked on Alcatraz Island, where he gained valuable knowledge about historical preservation and some of the methods that are used.

After graduating in the spring, Wear would like to work for a company in the concrete industry where he can apply all the knowledge he gained from school and his various internships.

Wear is the current President of the ICRI Student Chapter at Chico State and has been on the Dean's List for the past two semesters. He is a very dedicated student who enjoys learning about concrete and the various ways it is used. He appreciates this scholarship because it will help alleviate some of the financial stress, allowing him to focus more on his studies.



JOSE ALBERTO GONZALEZ

Jose Alberto Gonzalez comes from a small town in southern California called Rialto. His parents immigrated to the United States from México to pursue the American Dream and raise a family of their own. He grew up as the second oldest child, with an older brother and two younger siblings. The fact that no one else in his family was attending college gave him the incentive to work hard and accomplish his dream of higher education.

Gonzalez is attending CSU, Chico, where he has consistently maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 and plans to graduate with a BS in CIM and a double minor in business administration and sustainable manufacturing. This past school year, he served as an Officer in the CIM student society (CIMSS) and in the ICRI Student Chapter. During the summer of 2013, Gonzalez completed an internship as a Quality Control Technician with Cal Portland Cement Company, where he could focus on cement manufacturing, aggregate, and ready mix. Upon returning to Chico State in the fall, he plans to pursue his interest in the field of post-tensioning, where he sees great potential and knows he can be a part of the growth he sees for that sector.



SHANE STRICK

Shane Strick was raised in Durham, CA, a small town 100 miles north of Sacramento rich in almond and walnut farming. He graduated from Durham High School with honors in 2010. His time was spent working on his family's almond ranch, playing baseball and golf, snowboarding in Tahoe, and enjoying the family houseboat on Lake Oroville.

Strick is currently attending CSU, Chico, pursuing a BS in CIM, with minors in business administration and project management. He is a part of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management's Dean's Honor List and has received the CIM Performance Scholarship every semester since enrolling in 2010. Strick is highly involved in student activities and has served as the treasurer of the ICRI Student Chapter. He is a member of the CIMSS and will also serve as the President of the first ACI Student Chapter at CSU, Chico. Strick is a certified ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade 1 and a certified ACI Concrete Flatwork Technician because involvement in school activities and concrete projects are an important part of his plans for the future.

Strick will graduate in May of 2015 and is already doing what he can to improve his chances of working in the construction or repair sector of the concrete industry. Ever since he was young, he has enjoyed all sorts of building and remodeling. He

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believes his future is bright, and the high goals he has set will help him to achieve. He is very thankful for the scholarship, as it gets him a step closer to graduating and pursuing a career in a field he is very passionate about.



ASHLEY FERRIS

Ashley Ferris grew up in Nevada, MO, and graduated from Carl Junction High School in Carl Junction, MO, in May of 2011. After graduation, she attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, where she received her associate's degree in business administration. In May of 2012, she transferred to Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS, where she began studying construction man-

agement with an emphasis in company management. In addition to her schoolwork, she is serving as the President for the National Association of Home Builders Student Chapter and is also an active member of the Associated General Contractors Student Chapter.

During the summer of 2013, Ferris took part in a field internship with Crossland Construction Company, where she was often working on the local Via Christi surgical expansion in Pittsburg, KS. She believes this experience has allowed her to learn many new things that she will most certainly be able to use in her future. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in the construction industry, where one day she hopes to become a General Superintendent.