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### **AME NAMES FALL 2015 DR. SHERRIE FORD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.—Aug. 28, 2015—The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is pleased to announce the 13 recipients of the fall 2015 Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship.

“The manufacturing community has worked hard over the years to show how rewarding a career in manufacturing truly is. These scholarship recipients represent just a few of the individuals who are now choosing manufacturing as a career. If these bright, motivated individuals are any indication of what is to come in manufacturing, there is no limit as to what we can accomplish,” said Barbara Morrison, AME president.

AME’s Dr. Sherrie Ford Manufacturing as a Career Path Scholarship honors Dr. Sherrie Ford, who was a prominent consultant in the field of enterprise change and head of Power Partners, recognized as one of the largest women-owned businesses in the United States. Her incredible impact on manufacturing still resonates throughout the industry today, a legacy this scholarship strives to honor.

The scholarship, sponsored by AME and Kronos, is designed for individuals who will graduate from high school this year, or who have prior manufacturing experience and have decided to pursue a college education. Twenty \$1,500 scholarships are awarded throughout the course of the academic year, with a \$500 signing bonus awarded to recipients who successfully complete their academic programs and proceed to land a position in the manufacturing industry.

The fall term scholarship recipients include:

**Victor Acosta of Peachtree City, Ga.**, was influenced to pursue manufacturing engineering after visiting a factory making heavy equipment on a field trip. He then entered the advanced placement Engineering Pathway Program at his high school. Acosta will be attending Georgia Southern University this fall, majoring in manufacturing engineering.

**Christopher Falls of Bradenton, Fla.**, worked at several entry level jobs after high school before starting the Advanced Manufacturing Technology program sponsored by Toyota in Tupelo, Miss., which inspired him to return to school. Falls currently attends Itawamba Community College.

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**David Godoy of Taylorsville, Utah**, wants to become a manufacturing engineer to be able to work in process control and evaluation. He has integrated his team building skills and engineering knowledge while mastering English as a second language. He also has coordinated a multi-ethnic community celebration of culture through music, dance and costume, all while earning high grades. Godoy currently attends Salt Lake Community College, majoring in manufacturing engineering.

**Jonathan Hartzler of Rosedale, Ind.**, is pursuing precision machining as a first step to obtaining a bachelor's degree in industrial technology. He is NIMS certified in measurement, materials and safety and plans to use his strong work ethic and entrepreneurial skills to land a successful manufacturing career after college. Hartzler will be attending Vincennes University this fall, majoring in precision machining.

**Madeleine Haworth of Glendale, Wis.**, developed a passion for engineering through her participation in her high school robotics team. She was a very active member in her school community, she served and led teams and brought new perspectives to an advanced high school science curriculum. Post-graduation, she wants to pursue a career in mechanical engineering, specifically robotic mechanics. Haworth will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Christina Hendren of Elk Grove Village, Ill.**, wants to pursue a career in biomedical or chemical engineering. She wants to work with prosthetic limbs and artificial organs to give people with improper body functions a chance to have their passions back. She also wants to work with a team that is determined to excel at improving products that help make a difference in the world. Hendren will be attending Purdue University this fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.

**Nicholas Hornberger of Middleburg, Pa.**, graduated high school with NIMS certification in drill press, measurement, materials, safety and more. He postponed his college enrollment for one year to attend Army training and is now fulfilling his commitment to the National Guard. He is now pursuing a degree and intends to be a toolmaker after college. Hornberger will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology this fall, majoring in manufacturing engineering technology.

**Tristin Knee of Waveland, Ind.**, took a high school course on manufacturing processes which sparked his interest in the industry. After discovering the CNC lab at his college, he decided that he wanted a career in precision machining. Along with being a top student, he is involved with the Special Olympics, youth mentoring and football. Knee currently attends Vincennes University, majoring in precision machining technology and advanced CNC manufacturing.

**Westin McHaney of Arcata, Calif.**, found the pursuit of a manufacturing education a cornerstone after viewing video of a trebuchet hurling flaming pianos. Trying to build one, he had to figure out the geometry, counterweight, trigger mechanism, pivot and sling, finding that education matters. He became accomplished as a welder, as well as a musician, scout leader and leader in track and field, but is now focused on studying product development and manufacturing. McHaney will be attending California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo this fall, majoring in industrial engineering.

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**Sabrina Pasciuto of Burlington, Mass.**, is no stranger to the shop floor where she shadowed her father in his machine shop as a child. Her goal is to design and manufacture prosthetic limbs and to combine her electrical and mechanical engineering courses with manufacturing knowledge to become an engineer that designs for efficiency and quality. Pasciuto currently attends Wentworth Institute of Technology, majoring in electromechanical engineering and minoring in manufacturing.

**Matthew Pfender of Concord, N.C.**, decided to pursue his degree after taking a course in production systems, then participating in team project applying Six Sigma to practical campus problems. He loves to analyze and solve problems in a team setting and has a strong passion for manufacturing. Pfender currently attends the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, majoring in systems engineering.

**Rebecca Shionis of Surfside, Fla.**, has co-oped at BP and interned at GE Transportation, learning Quality and Six Sigma. She is involved in many engineering clubs/activities on campus. She intends to pursue a career making medical devices upon graduation. Shionis currently attends the University of Florida, majoring in industrial and systems engineering.

**Joshua Smith of Loveland, Colo.**, became interested in a manufacturing career after his participation in the robotics team. In his first year of college he earned a 4.0 GPA while interning at the college manufacturing lab, where he gained an appreciation for taking a design and manufacturing the final product. Smith currently attends Colorado State University, majoring in mechanical and biomedical engineering.

For more information, visit [www.ame.org/scholarship-program](http://www.ame.org/scholarship-program), where you can download the winter/spring term application, due November 6, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact AME Education & Training Program Coordinator Jerri Strohmeyer at [jstrohmeyer@ame.org](mailto:jstrohmeyer@ame.org) or 224-232-5980, ext. 222.

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