USGIF annually awards scholarships to promising high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who are studying or planning to study geospatial intelligence related fields at the university or college-level. All scholarship recipients are chosen based on their academic and professional excellence in a field related to the geospatial intelligence trade craft. Qualified candidates are selected by the Foundation’s Scholarship Subcommittee made up of industry professionals. Over the past six years, more than a quarter of a million dollars has been donated to exceptional students. Scholarships are funded in part by proceeds from the Alder Golf Classic, named in honor of the late William R. Alder Jr. This year, the Foundation awarded more than $75,000. High school winners received $2,000 scholarships and all other winners received $5,000 scholarships.

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USGIF WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ITS 2009 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS

HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

Mr. Raymond George Atkinson
Raymond George Atkinson, a recent graduate from Northwest Cabarrus High School, is pursuing his bachelor’s in geography with a minor in urban studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He desires to become an Urban Transportation Planner. He has worked for two summers as a TripTik Production Specialist at AAA Carolinas Headquarters and as an Intern for Dr. Jean-Claude Thill, a Knight Distinguished Professor.

Mr. Joshua Evan Hornstein-Johnson
Mr. Johnson plans to attend Middlebury College. He served as his high school’s National Honor Society Vice President and based his senior project on applying GIS to coral reef conservation, mapping and monitoring. He hopes to continue pursuing GIS studies and apply them to environmental conservation.

UNDERGRADUATE RECIPIENTS

Mr. Anthony Barron
Mr. Barron is an Imagery Analyst in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He recently completed one year of active duty through the Navy Accession Training program. Now, as a sophomore at the University of Texas, he is studying geography and government with aspirations to become a successful imagery analyst or GIS specialist.

Ms. Bethany Klicka
Bethany Klicka is a junior at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, Va. She is currently pursuing her B.S. in government, with a concentration in strategic intelligence. Past accomplishments include making the National Dean’s List and earning the Congressional Award Gold Medal. She has done analyst work with Border Security Alert and Militant Islamic Report at her college.

Mr. Patrick Nelson
Patrick Nelson is a GIScience student at Northern Arizona University. He has an associate’s degree in GIS from Central Oregon Community College. His GIS work experience includes the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Currently he is a student hire at NGA.

Mr. Kenneth Robertson
Mr. Robertson currently attends Central Michigan University, majoring in geography, geographic information science and computer science. He serves as president of the Geographic Information and Planning Society and is enrolled in the Accelerated Masters of Science in GIScience. He has worked as a research assistant at Central Michigan and at ESRI’s Defense Services Department.

Ms. Joanne Tu
Joanne Tu will graduate this spring with a bachelor’s degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia. She interns with Albemarle County Transportation Services, where she uses specialty bus routing GIS software. Ms. Tu is also a recipient of the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials Zoning and Land Use Student Scholarship in 2008.

DOCTORATE RECIPIENTS

Mr. Christopher Glass
Chris Glass is enrolled at Sinclair Community College pursuing degrees in engineering physics and advanced technical intelligence. He is excelling in coursework offered by the Advanced Technical Intelligence Center in measurement and signature intelligence, geospatial intelligence, remote sensing and spectral sensing. His career aspirations involve remote sensing and antenna R&D.

Mr. Darrel Michael Kingfield
Mr. Kingfield is currently finishing his third semester at the University of Oklahoma, concentrating in GIS applications, remote sensing, photogrammetry, satellite data acquisition, data mining and machine learning and astrodynamics. Outside the classroom, Mr. Kingfield provides technical support to the Oklahoma Committee for the International Charter for Space and Major Disasters, providing rapid response and mitigating the effects of disasters on human life and property.

Mr. James Joseph Sanovia
Mr. Sanovia has just completed his first semester as a graduate student in geospatial engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He plans to concentrate his studies around LIDAR, 3-D visualization techniques, rock stability and rock formations, mining and applying geospatial visualization techniques to map underground terrain.

Ms. Joslyn Zale
Ms. Zale is completing a M.S. in geography with a geographic information technology emphasis from the University of Southern Mississippi. She plans to continue with doctoral studies, developing and applying GIScience ideas to answer geospatial intelligence questions.

Mr. Thomas Zumbado
Thomas Zumbado is a native of Los Angeles, Calif., and is currently pursuing his Master’s degree from the University of Utah. Prior to this, Thomas served as a firefighter for RDU International Airport as well as a U.S. Army artillery sergeant and paratrooper.

GRADUATE RECIPIENTS

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Mr. Robert Emmett Roth
Mr. Roth is a Ph.D. student in the Penn State Department of Geography and a research assistant with the Penn State GeoVISTA Center. Robert’s research interests center upon the interconnected fields of cartography, geographic visualization and geovisual analytics. The USGIF scholarship will be used to fund Robert’s dissertation work, which seeks to develop of a science of cartographic interaction.

Mr. Adam Timm
Adam Timm works for Trusted Knowledge Options, Inc. as a subject matter expert in the Joint Persistent Surveillance Integration Office (JPSIO), NGA. He is currently enrolled at George Mason University in the GEOINT certificate program. Upon completion, he intends to pursue his Ph.D. focusing on Wide Area Persistent Surveillance Technologies.