2018 High School Scholarships

Thanks to our generous supporters and the fiscal management of gifts and donations, the Space Coast Post was extremely pleased to announce our expanded scholarship program.

This year, our SAME scholarship program allowed us to offer up to four $2,500 first-year scholarship grants as well as four $1000 continuation scholarships. First-year scholarships applicants were required to be Brevard County High School Seniors entering a four year accredited college with degrees in Construction Related Curriculum in Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Management. Conferring selections was based on academic performance, community service, and needs based. Continuation scholarships were made available to previous SAME Scholarship recipients currently pursuing a Bachelors of Architecture or Engineering degree related in a field of practice that accommodates SAME’s endeavors. Those applicants also had to be active in a Student Chapter of SAME or a student led professional society at their College.

Our Scholarship Committee found that not only did our applicants meet and exceed the eligibility requirements, but also went above and beyond in community outreach and extracurricular activities throughout the year.

We congratulate all our scholarship recipients and thank the Post for supporting this very important program.

Pictured with Cecil O’Bryan and J. Faulkner from left to right our recipients include:

Emma Bailey: Melbourne High School
University of Florida

Alexander Kaiser: Doctor Phillips High School
University of Florida

Mallory Jones: Titusville High School
University of South Florida

Joshua Halford: Covenant Christian School
University of Florida or UCF

Abigail Ernst: Viera High School
Florida State University
2018 High School Scholarships Cont’d

We are proud to report that $15,500 in high school scholarships was awarded this year. It is exciting to see that our Florida colleges continue to be attractive to our local high school students. Pictured below are our scholarship recipients with their very proud parents.

2018 Continuation Scholarships Recipients

Breanne Dodier
2017 SAME Scholarship Awardee
Merritt Island High School Graduate
Attending University of Central Florida
Pursuing Industrial Engineering Degree

Adrianna Roseman
2016 SAME Scholarship Awardee
Melbourne High School Graduate
Attending University of Florida
Pursuing Materials Science & Engineering Degree

Ryan Schrope
2016 SAME Scholarship Awardee
Covenant Christian School Graduate
Attending University of Florida
Pursuing Electrical Engineering Degree
Monthly Meetings

April: OSHA 101, Brian Wood, Blw Safety Consulting
This presentation discussed when OSHA began, where OSHA does and does not have jurisdiction, and the OSHA inspection process. Additionally, he explained the 22 different Whistleblower Statutes that OSHA enforces and how employers can protect themselves from violating these laws.

May: Performance Excellence in Electricity Renewal (PEER), Wayne Dunn, P.E., E.W. Dunn
PEER is the world’s first certification program that assesses and improves power system performance and electricity infrastructure. Mr. Dunn talked about how PEER is helping the world face many environmental and economic challenges through its project certification programs. He shared the history of PEER and details of how PEER works with a variety of power systems to provide dependable, sustainable power for all. Attendees were able to obtain continuing education credits.

June: Lessons Learned from JETC Resilience Activities, John Constantinide, Alpha MRC and Space Florida Infrastructure Construction Projects and Future Plans, Steve Szabo, P.E., Space Florida
At the 2018 Joint Engineer Training Conference (JETC) in Kansas City, John Constantinide attended on behalf of the SAME Space Coast Post and brought back the following key points:

- Resilience is a common thread across several themes at JETC, including infrastructure, cyber assets, and energy and water access and usage.
- The high amount of focus on resiliency, especially with infrastructure, energy, and water, is due to two phenomena:
  - Increased interaction between IT and OT platforms and resources; and
  - Increased interactions lead to increased risks.
- Three solutions were emphasized.
  - Create and execute plans, such as with existing industry standards and cybersecurity strategies.
  - Empower people by increasing awareness of needs, ensuring implementation to address system gaps, and make sure that the system is sustainable and can evolve.
  - Have the right tools, and make them work together.

In June, Steve Szabo, P.E., Spaceport Development Program Manager for Space Florida, presented on the “Transformation of the Cape Canaveral Spaceport” and how commercialization of the space transportation industry is changing the landscape of KSC and CCAFS. In addition to government and commercial missions, Mr. Szabo explained the huge demand for constellations of thousands of small satellites to keep pace with our planet’s communications and bandwidth needs. He touched on how spaceports are economic freight and logistics hubs just like air and seaports. The transformation is evident as the spaceport moves from being just a place to launch towards the vision of a global hub.
SAM Alert—Notarized Letter Process Changes!
Effective Immediately: Entities that ONLY apply for federal assistance (grants, loans, etc.) no longer need to have an approved notarized letter on file before your registration is activated. You must still mail the original signed copy of the notarized letter to the Federal Service Desk (FSD) within 30 days of activation. Failure to do so may result in the registration no longer being active.

All non-federal entities creating or renewing their System of Award Management (SAM) registration will no longer need to have a notarized letter on file before their registration is activated. They must still mail the original signed copy of the notarized letter to the FSD within 30 days of activation or risk their registration no longer being active.

A new, multi-factor authentication login has been implemented, as well as a process by which Entity Administrators will be notified when a change is made to their entity’s bank account information. As a result, there is a new login process for SAM - Users will be asked to create a Login.gov user account. Their current SAM.gov username and password will no longer work. To create a Login.gov account, you need to know the email address associated with your SAM.gov username and password, have access to that email to receive a confirmation email from Login.gov, and have a working phone (cell or landline) to receive a security code from Login.gov. For full information, see GSA’s SAM Update page.

2018 Golf Tournament – Friday, November 2nd
Registration for Gold Sponsors is open now.
Registration for individual players opens in August. Open sponsorships include:
1. Golf and Cart - $7,000
2. Gift certificates - $2,000
3. Raffle Sponsor - $3,000
Donations are tax deductible and 100% of net proceeds go directly to our scholarship program. If you’d like to include promotional items in the Goodie Bags, 220 items will be needed. Contact Kyle Brown (kbrown@drmp.com) or Roger Sevigny (rsevigny@alleneng.net) for more information.

Post News and Announcements
GEAR Receives National SAME IGE Award
Neeld Wilson, President of Gator Engineering and Aquifer Restoration Inc. (GEAR), received the National SAME Industry-Government Engagement (IGE) award at the 2018 JETC convention. SAME recognized his efforts to have the SBA rescind the Self-Certification status for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business in the System for Awards Management. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Rule Change Focus Group that included the SBA, Department of Veterans Affairs, and SAME. Mr. Wilson’s 2016 White Paper on SDVOSB opportunities was selected by General Joseph Schroedel, the Executive Director of SAME, as a National Finalist to represent SAME in this important endeavor. GEAR has been a proud and active SAME member since 2008.

Federal Contracting Conference
When: Tuesday, August 14, 2018
• 8:00-8:30am - Registration, Expo, Networking
• 8:30am-Noon - Conference
• 1:00-5:00pm - Match Maker Appointments
What: Congressman Posey’s is hosting this Conference
• Meet procurement representatives
• Matchmaker appts-call David Jackson 321-632-1776
• Expo and networking sessions
• Learn about federal contracting
• Hear from local small business resources
• Learn about developing acceptable rates
Where: Florida Solar Energy Center
1679 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922
Who: Conference is free and open to business owners who want to:
1. Meet procurement representatives
2. Learn the federal procurement process
RSVP before August 7 at http://posey.house.gov/RSVP/