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James A. Rooks Memorial Student Intern Award

This year marks the 15th consecutive year that we have proudly sponsored electrical engineering students to attend our annual industry conference. Young engineers working as interns for industry manufacturing companies are able to attend our annual conference at no cost. Proceeds to fund this initiative come from the James A Rooks Memorial Grant Fund established by the IEEE Foundation.

2023 Award Recipients:

Evan James Fountain currently enrolled at the University of North Florida working for Rayonier Advanced Materials in Fernandina Beach, Florida. His sponsor is Walter Simpson, Senior Plant Electrical Engineer at Rayonier. Evan is a Junior, planning to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in May 2025.

Gauri Gaur currently enrolled at the University of Idaho working for Clearwater Paper Corporation in Lewiston, Idaho. Her sponsor is Steve Pittman, Reliability Engineer at Clearwater Paper. Gauri is a Senior, planning to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in December 2023.

James A. Rooks Young Engineering Professionals Program

This year marks the 8th year we have provided partial financial sponsorships for young industry engineering professionals to attend our annual conference. This allows several young engineering professionals, working for industry manufacturing companies, to attend our annual conference at a low cost. Proceeds to fund this initiative come from the James A Rooks Memorial Grant Fund established by the IEEE Foundation.

2023 Award Recipients:

Preston Strong is a Reliability Engineer with Billerud in Escanaba, Michigan. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan in April 2022.

Timothy Seaman is an Electrical Reliability Engineer with Billerud in Escanaba, Michigan. He graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical & Electronics from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan in December 2021.

Chris Lathouwers is an Electrical Engineer with MEGI Engineering in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Boise State University in Boise Idaho in June 2018.

Jory Goehner is an Electrical Engineer with MEGI Engineering in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington in May 2018.

Elizabeth Herrin is an Electrical Engineer with Rayonier Advanced Materials in Fernandina Beach, Florida. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia in May 2018.

Kyle Reilly is an Electrical Engineer with North Pacific Paper Company in Longview, Washington. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree Electrical Systems and Robotics from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona in May 2015.

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