

IWCE Announces 2019 Student and Veteran Scholarship Award Winners

IWCE is Partnering with AFFCE, ETA International, Radio Club of America, SkillsUSA and Veterans Assembled electronics to Bring Students and Veterans to Annual Event

ATLANTA, February 21, 2019 – [International Wireless Communications Expo \(IWCE\)](#), the premier annual event for communications technology professionals, is collaborating with the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFFCE), ETA International, Radio Club of America, SkillsUSA and Veterans Assembled electronics to [bring students and veterans to IWCE 2019](#), which is taking place March 4-8, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. To register to attend, [click here](#).

“Educating the next-generation of communications technology professionals is very important to us,” said Stacey Orlick, IWCE’s Director of Community and Conference Content. “We’re pleased to work with these leading organizations to bring both students and military veterans to IWCE. The access to IWCE’s education, innovative technologies and networking opportunities will be invaluable to these individuals.”

The 2019 IWCE Scholarship Awards winners include:

- **David Boutin is the recipient of the AFCCE scholarship.** David is a junior at University of Maryland in College Park, MD where he is majoring in electrical engineering and minoring in computer engineering and technology entrepreneurship. As Vice President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), David has helped spearhead the development of SHPE Jr. chapters at middle and high schools in the Washington, D.C. metro area. David became involved with the AFCCE when he was selected to receive a AFCCE/IEEE-BTS Scholarship. He is interested in attending IWCE to learn about the hottest products, equipment and services in the wireless telecommunication industry, network with industry professionals and attend the Amazon Web Services keynote address.
- **Sam Chandler is the winner of the ETA Scholarship student award.** Sam is a senior at A&M Consolidated High School in College Station, TX where he is studying telecommunications and network security. Through his school’s IT program, Sam has earned PC Pro and Networking Pro certifications. Sam has also earned his Eagle Scout Rank, the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award and was elected as his SkillsUSA chapter’s president. Next year Sam will attend college and study computer engineering. Sam will use his attendance at IWCE to gain knowledge and experience in networking, telecommunications, innovations, best practices and network with industry leaders.
- **Bryce Mallory is the recipient of the Veterans Assembled electronics scholarship through their partnership with ETA.** Bryce is passionate about how communications help people in their daily lives. He is a veteran who is now employed with Future Technologies Ventures where he is responsible for training tower climbers, working on Cell on Wheels (COW) mobile deployments and mobilizing portable cell coverage for special events such as the Dover Motor Speedway and the New York State Fair. Bryce was in Puerto Rico during Hurricane Maria, where he combined his military and communications experience to work with T-Mobile on microwave backhaul links to restore communications. Bryce sees a tradeshow as true meeting of the minds, where real connections are made, so he is excited to attend ETA@IWCE to extend his knowledge. Bryce is also an advocate for tower safety and is studying for an amateur radio license.
- **Bryant Rascoll (KG5HVO) is the recipient of the Radio Club of America Young Achievers award.** Bryant is a homeschooled ninth grader from Montgomery, AL. He is an amateur radio enthusiast and is passionate about radiosport, morse code (CW), building antennas in his backyard and sharing the hobby with other youth. Bryant is proud to be part of the Radio Club of America and its rich history. Bryant will use his attendance at IWCE to learn first-hand the current state of the wireless industry as well as the future potential of wireless communications.
- **Donovan Tames is the recipient of the SkillsUSA Telecommunications Cabling high school award.** Donovan won the award as a senior in high school. Today he is enrolled in Quinsigamond

Community College in Worcester, MA, studying engineering. Passionate about both science and innovation, Donovan plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in computers, software or electrical engineering. As a national champion in SkillsUSA's Telecommunications Cabling, Donovan's competition project included a series of stations to test his versatility in the field. Through SkillsUSA, Donovan was able to earn two ETA certifications as a Data Cabling Installer as well as a Customer Service Specialist. Donovan's attendance at IWCE will enhance his knowledge in the communications technology industry.

- **Jacob McGonigle is the recipient of the SkillsUSA Telecommunications Cabling post graduate award.** Jacob won the SkillsUSA Telecommunications Cabling competition when he was enrolled in a Computer Information Technology class at Tennessee College of Applied Technology at the McMinnville Campus in Crossville, TN. Today, Jacob is teaching the class. Jacob has always worked in the technology industry from his job in the military and as a telecommunications expert. He is passionate about technology as well as the advancement of civilization through technology and stays current learning about new technologies, and hopes to learn more about the industry by attending IWCE. Jacob is also preparing to launch a telecommunications company.

ETA International has been a proud sponsor of the Skills USA Telecommunications Cabling Contest for the 14th year in a row and utilizes many of the competencies and hands-on skills that comprise ETA's Data Cabling Installer (DCI) and Customer Service Specialist (CSS) certifications.

The scholarship criteria and winners are selected by each of the associations. IWCE covers all travel expenses for scholarship winners and will provide a complimentary Premium Package conference pass, which includes access to IWCE's five-day conference program.

To sign up for email updates on any of IWCE's upcoming events, [click here](#). Stay connected with @iwceexpo on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and be sure to follow our LinkedIn [company page](#) and follow the conversation at #IWCE2019. To download the IWCE attendee brochure, [click here](#).

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS EXPO (IWCE)

IWCE (International Wireless Communications Expo) is the premier annual event for critical communications, featuring an exhibit hall with over 400 exhibitors and a five-day comprehensive conference program. Over 7,000 individuals attend from a diverse group of industry professionals including product distribution, government, public safety, critical infrastructure, business enterprise and more. IWCE 2019 will be held March 4-8 in Las Vegas, NV. For more information, visit <http://www.iwceexpo.com>.

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About ETA

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About Radio Club of America

Founded in 1909, the Radio Club of America, a non-profit organization, is the oldest group of wireless communication professionals in the world. Its members are dedicated to the wireless art and science for the betterment of society.

About Veterans Assembled electronics

Founded in 2009, Veterans Assembled electronics LLC is a Rhode Island Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) and a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) that provides electronics modernization services to the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Veterans Assembled electronics trains and certifies military veterans for careers as electronics technicians.

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