

Area Students Awarded Lone Star Community Scholarships

The Society for Technical Communication Presents Record Five Scholarships

Dallas, Texas—December 26, 2006—The Lone Star Community (LSC) of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) has awarded **Resa Barns, Karen Loyd, Theresa Mayper, Jennifer Phillips, and Phillip Tirelli** each a \$1000 scholarship to be used in their pursuit of a degree in technical communication. The winners will be honored at the LSC's January awards banquet. The banquet is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison Hotel, 14315 Midway Road, Addison, Texas.

Said Mr. Tirelli, "The scholarship money will be used for my tuition in the spring semester. [It] is going to help me out a great deal."

Winner Theresa Mayper also noted, "The scholarship gives me the opportunity to focus on my coursework without worrying so much about how I will pay tuition." She added, "I also look forward to being part of the Lone Star Community as a professional in the next year. I hope to be a part of the network of technical communication professionals and enhance my skills and, hopefully, the skills of others."

When asked for comments, Dr. Lynne Cooke, who wrote recommendations for both Mr. Tirelli and winner Jennifer Phillips, said "I am happy to see the Lone Star Community recognize Phillip Tirelli's dedication to his technical communication studies. Phillip is one of the most motivated and hard-working students I have encountered at the University of North Texas."

About Ms. Phillips, Dr. Cooke added, "Jennifer Phillips is a very promising technical communication scholar and practitioner. I am confident that Jennifer will make the Lone Star Community proud as she continues her graduate studies at the University of North Texas."

Commenting on her experience, Ms. Phillips said, "I really liked the application process because it allowed me to be creative with design and layout choices, which I enjoy."

Winner Resa Barns expressed her appreciation for her win by saying, "I am honored and excited to be a recipient of an STC LSC scholarship. I am passionate about technical writing and am thankful for the educational opportunities and technical writing skills this scholarship allows me to pursue."

Ms. Vicki Peake, a lecturer at the University of North Texas, echoed Ms. Barns' enthusiasm when she noted, "STC couldn't have picked a more deserving scholarship winner than Resa Barnes. She's been an outstanding student in my tech writing classes, and I know she'll be an equally outstanding writer in the future."

"We had some great applicants this year," LSC President Mel Haughton said enthusiastically.

"These five students are brilliant, and I am thrilled that the Lone Star Community is able to reward academic and professional excellence with our scholarships. As a former scholarship recipient, I know how much this means to each one of the students. It's a great feeling to know that an organization like STC is able to help students fulfill their dreams of earning a college degree."

Visitors are encouraged to attend the banquet and see the winning entry displays for the STC 2005-2006 Online Communications, Technical Publications, and Technical Art Competitions. These exhibits showcase innovations in techniques, design models, and the best the area has to offer in technical communications, as judged by committees of STC peers.

Registration and networking begin at 5:45 p.m.; dinner is served at 6:15 p.m.; and the awards ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:00 p.m., with additional networking, for anyone interested. With reservations, dinner and attendance cost \$20 for STC members and Students with ID and \$25 for non-members. Without reservations, costs for the dinner and attendance are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The registration and reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2006. You can register by visiting the LSC website at www.stc-dfw.org. Information on other charges is available at the LSC website.

About STC and the Lone Star Community

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an individual membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. It is the largest organization of its type in the world. Its 18,000 members include technical writers and editors, content developers, documentation specialists, technical illustrators, instructional designers, academics, information architects, usability and human factors professionals, visual designers, Web designers and developers, and translators—anyone whose work makes technical information available to those who need it.

The Lone Star Community (LSC), one of the largest STC communities in the U.S., received the Award of Distinction in the international STC Community Achievement competition for 2005-2006. The LSC has received awards in this competition for four consecutive years. Drawing over 290 members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the LSC promotes professional growth through meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, mentoring, and networking. For more information about the STC Lone Star Community, visit their website at www.stc-dfw.org.

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