

Region Doubles Scholarship Awards

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The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) of ASPRS has always had a strong Student Scholarship Program. The program is lead by the vice president of the Region, which in 2004 was Jaymes Pardue. The RMR Board of Directors had previously approved \$3,000 for the Scholarship Program to be awarded this calendar year. To announce the Scholarship Program and get students engaged in the process, the RMR sent out letters to 33 faculty members at 13 academic institutions. A member of the RMR Board contacted each faculty member to ensure that they had not only received the announcement and application, but also to make sure that the information was posted in a student accessible location. This also served to update the Region's academic mailing list.

When the scholarship period was complete, the RMR had received 3 undergraduate and 14 graduate submittals, for a record 17 scholarship submittals! The RMR is a sponsoring society for the very successful "GIS In The Rockies" conference, and also hosted the National ASPRS Conference in 2004, giving the Region a solid financial foundation. Because of this, at the December meeting, the Board approved a total of \$6,500 in scholarships for deserving students in the RMR.

The winners were:

Erin Peterson, Colorado State University, \$1,500
 Kirk Sherrill, Colorado State University, \$1,000
 Darell L. Freeman, University of Wyoming, \$1,000
 Sudhir Shrestha, University of Wyoming, \$1,000
 Phillip Riggs, Colorado State University, \$500
 Angela Cockrell, University of Wyoming, \$500
 Hannah Griscom, University of Wyoming, \$500
 Alice Moy, University of Denver, \$500



Scholarship Winners – (L-to-R). Sudhir Shrestha, Angela Cockrell, Hannah Griscom, Alice Moy, Phillip Riggs, Erin Peterson, Kirk Sherrill, Jaymes Pardue-RMR VP

All of the Scholarship Program award winners were invited to attend the RMR dinner held on January 22, 2005 at the Broker Restaurant in Denver. Each student was introduced to the attendees and provided a brief overview of their current research initiatives. The RMR Board is very excited that we were able to award these scholarships and continue to help build the next generation of ASPRS professionals.

Additionally, the Board approved a \$20 rebate for all new student members in the RMR for 2005. Each student must submit his or her membership application form and \$45 to national, and at the end of each month, the RMR will cut a rebate check for \$20 to each new student member. We have tried this at the University of Montana, University of Wyoming, University of Denver, and others, and it has been successful, so we decided to move forward with this at the region level.



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