

CONGRATULATIONS TO CFMA SILICON VALLEY'S 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!

Past recipients: Where are they now?

Jasmine A. Lomax, LEED GA, CGP

KEENAN BREKKE

\$7,500 Scholarship



This is Keenan Brekke's third scholarship award from CFMA SV! Keenan has maintained an excellent grade point average at California Polytechnical Institute at San Louis Obispo, where he is majoring in construction management, and minoring in real estate development. He has spent his summers working for various construction firms, including Shimmick, Nibbi, Webcor, and Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction. He also has worked in the past for Brekke Brothers Construction, Ken Jara Plumbing, and Kitchen 388.

CFMA SV congratulates Keenan for maintaining a regular spot on the Dean's List at Cal Poly. In addition to acing his courses, he has been a Teaching Assistant and Lab Manager at the Simpson Strong-Tie Lab for the Cal Poly CM Department. He has helped lead two residential construction classes and two commercial construction classes in the hands-on building labs.

Keenan also has competed on 3 national competition teams and is the Captain of the Concrete Solutions Team. While a member of the Electrical Team, the team won first place at the 2016 Associated Schools of Construction National Competition in Chicago. And last but not least, while a member of the Cal Poly Residential Team, it won third place at the 2017 National Association of Home Builders Competition in Orlando.

TANNER CONDIE

\$5,000 Scholarship



Are you seeing another familiar face? Yes, you are. Tanner Condie was the winner of a \$2,500 CFMA scholarship last year, and placed second this year with a \$5,000 scholarship.

Tanner continues to excel at San Jose State University, where he maintains a 3.5 GPA while working full time for CFMA member Daley's Drywall, as a project engineer. Tanner expects to graduate in the fall of 2018 with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. The Daley family has inspired Tanner's passion for construction. Before joining Daley's, Tanner worked as a carpenter's apprentice, and brought a wealth of hands on experience to Daley's. This year, Tanner will be part of the fabrication and construction team for the steel bridge competition at SJSU. In the meantime, he continues to devote significant time to his church; service has long been his passion.

DIVYA KARTHIK

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP



Divya Karthik is a first time CFMA SV Scholarship winner. She recently graduated from Amador Valley High School, and is headed to UC Davis in the pursuit of an engineering degree. During high school, Divya discovered the ACE Mentor Program (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering), and worked with construction managers, estimators, carpenters, architects and others. She practiced design of a city, and prepared (mock) schedules and project estimates. She has job-shadowed at PG&E.

Divya has been recognized for her performance and dedication to engineering (remember she hasn't started college yet!) by the Building Industry and Construction Board, and she is a proud PLTW Engineering Scholar. She has placed first and second at the Future Tech Teacher and Engineering Design Event, respectively at the 2017 California TSA State Conference.

Divya's goal is to gain construction experience in transportation, urban infrastructure, and residential housing. She plans to be involved in the development of new construction technology, and hopes to travel and contribute technological advancements and improved infrastructure to countries in need.

DUSTY HILL

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP



Dusty Hill is a first time CFMA scholarship winner. She recently graduated from Presentation High School, and is headed to Texas Christian University with an interest in real estate finance. While maintaining excellent grades in high school, Dusty was on the Student Council for six years. As a student officer, she spearheaded the school's annual charitable drives, and her efforts contributed to the largest amount of donations in the history of the school.

Dusty also is an accomplished pianist. She loves the Home Depot gardening section and is an avid gardener. Dusty was introduced to CFMA by her brother, **Brock Hill, Director of Operations at Premier Recycle Company**, a CFMA SV Board Member.

PAST CFMA SV SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Jasmine A. Lomax, LEED GA, CGP

CFMA SV would like to re-introduce you to Jasmine A. Lomax. She wowed us with her achievements the year that she won, and she continues to wow us. After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in June 2016, Jasmine received 9 job offers! She is now working in Los Angeles, and shared the following report with CFMA SV:

"After my graduation I accepted a position with Morley Builders as Project Engineer, on the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Museum (AMPAS) project located on Wiltshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. This July 2017, I began my new position as Senior Project Engineer with Shangri-La Construction, working on the Wayfarer Hotel, an extensive beautification and renovation of the historic 1920's hotel located in Downtown Los Angeles. Additionally, when I moved to Los Angeles following my graduation, I was honored to be elected to the USGBC-LA Board of Directors, where I am currently serving.

I have just been invited to join the Cal Poly CAED Dean's Leadership Council, and will be attending my first council meeting in Seattle next month. [Jasmine graciously shared the link to the CAED Dean's Leadership Council, for those who may be interested in exploring the organization: <u>http://www.caed.calpoly.edu/caed-deans-leadership-council</u>]

In conjunction with Cal Poly Admissions Recruitment and the Cal Poly Black Alumni Association, I am now a Cal Poly Alumni Ambassador, and will be going out to high school college information events in the Los Angeles area, sharing information about the benefits of attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Since last June 2016 I have been taking courses in the evenings at UCLA Extension, where I am in the process of earning the Project Management Certificate (PMP), the Real Estate Certificate with a Concentration in Investments, and the Finance Certificate with Concentration in Real Estate Finance. I joined a number of professional organizations in Los Angeles, including CREW-LA, NAIOP SoCAL and the ULI Los Angeles - Urban Land Institute, where I volunteer at member events. In my spare time I love to travel, and I just got back from vacationing in Madrid, Spain, and the Netherlands."

Thank you, Jasmine, for staying in touch!

You can see Jasmine live, in a 2016 interview, at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4kDfLIS4B0

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