

## Scholarship Winners

Katie Bottom – Frank Geske Scholarship Winner – \$3000

Katie is a two-time recipient of an IAAP Education Foundation Scholarship. She is a Junior at Virginia Tech majoring in Mining Engineering. Katie has interned with Rogers Group and Holcim and looks forward to future internships this summer in Anchorage, AK. She is an active participant in Club Rugby, Women in Mining, the Burkhart Society, and Mucking Team. Katie plans to return to Illinois to work in the Illinois Aggregate Mining Industry.

Farren Ackerman – Joanne Kluessendorf Scholarship Winner – \$2000

Farren is a two-time recipient of the Joann Kluessendorf Scholarship. She is a Junior at Illinois State University, majoring in Geology, and holds a research assistantship. Last summer, she interned with Bowser-Morner, an IAAP Member she connected with at the 2023 IAAP Convention. Farren is an active Eagle Scout, a Phi Theta Kappa Inductee, and a member of the Geology Club. She aspires to become a college geology professor in the future.

Yassar Yusuf – Holcim Scholarship Winner – \$2000

Yassar is a first-time scholarship winner. He is a graduate student at Southern Illinois University, studying Civil Engineering, and holds a research assistantship. Before returning for graduate work, Yassar gained valuable industry experience as an Assistant Civil Engineer. He is a member of the Society of Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and The International Concrete Repair Institute. After graduation, Yassar hopes to build his own innovative concrete company.

Kaitlyn Jenison – Ozinga Scholarship Winner – \$2000

Kaitlyn is a first-time scholarship winner. She will graduate from high school this spring and plans to attend the University of Illinois Champaign -Urbana as a Mechanical Engineering major. She has work experience as a server/hostess and a camp counselor. In school, she is an active Process Improvement Intern, Vice President of Future Problem Solvers Competition Club, a Youth Leader, and Co-founder of the Social Dance Club. Long term, Kaitlyn hopes to drive advancements in the Illinois Aggregates Industry.

Calvin Piemonte – Education Foundation Scholarship Winner – \$2000

Calvin is a first-time scholarship winner. He is a senior at University of Illinois, majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He has interned at IMEG Corp., Clark Construction, and the City of Weaton. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ASCE Regional Steel Bridge Competition and is an All State Wrestler. Calvin wants to pursue a master's degree before entering the job market. He hopes to make pavements more environmentally friendly and sustainable for the industry.