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SC&R Foundation Awards \$20,000 For Five Scholarships and Five Grants

(FAIRFAX, Va.) June 2, 2009 - The SC&R Foundation recently awarded \$3,000 scholarships for 2009-2010 to five students preparing for careers related to transportation or construction management. Additionally, the Foundation awarded five \$1,000 grants for the pursuit of industry related technical degrees or certificates.

The scholarships and grants were announced during the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) Annual Conference, April 15-19, at the La Quinta Resort and Conference Center, Palm Springs, California. Two of the recipients—William Asma and Michael Crawford —were in attendance to receive personal recognition. Since 1986, the SC&R Foundation has awarded over \$235,000 in scholarships.

In alphabetical order, this year's \$3,000 scholarship recipients are William Asma, William Besser, Michael Crawford, Michael Eff, and John Thacker.

William M. Asma is enrolled in a Cooperative Education Program, which requires alternate work and school terms, at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis. During the spring 2009 semester, the Mechanical Engineering major assisted engineers at WE Energies with the operation and maintenance of natural gas distribution networks throughout the state of Wisconsin. He plans to graduate in May 2011. His father, Joseph Asma, is a senior engineer at Manitowoc Crane Company, Manitowoc, Wis.

William George Besser, recipient of the Richard Conkling Memorial Scholarship, is preparing for his fifth year to complete a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Business Administration at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. His mother, Mary R. Besser, is the Administration Manager at Anderson Trucking Service, Inc., St. Cloud, Minn.

Matthew Blaine Crawford is a senior, who plans to graduate in August 2009 with a double major in Business and Mass Communications at Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas. His father, Darwyn Crawford, is a Sales Representative at American Mat & Timber Company, Houston, Texas.

Michael N. Eff, recipient of the Christopher Lorenz Memorial Scholarship, will be a junior, majoring in Welding Engineering at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. His father, Gary Eff, is a Quality Control Specialist, at GEM Industrial, Inc., Toledo, Ohio.

John Dakota Thacker will be a senior, majoring in Psychology, at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. His father, William H. Thacker, Jr., is a Superintendent Subcontract Negotiator, at Link-Belt Construction Equipment, Lexington, Ky.

In alphabetical order, the \$1,000 grant recipients for vocational/technical school education are Brittani Evans,

Steve Martin, Frederica Neal, Craig Summe, and Paul Szafranski, Jr.

Brittani Lynn Evans plans on earning her Associate of Arts degree in accounting in August 2010 from Florida Community College of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla. Her stepmother, Ginger A. Evans, is the Lead Representative-Revenue Processing, Landstar.

Steven Darrell Martin, a draftsman at Barnhart Crane & Rigging, Memphis, Tenn., plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn. in Fall 2012.

Frederica Nicole Neal, an accounts receivable analyst at Landstar, is working towards a degree in accounting from Florida Community College of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla.

Craig Thomas Summe plans on earning an associate of arts degree in accounting in June 2010 from Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, Cincinnati, Ohio. His father, Thomas E. Summe, is a crane operator with, Evers Equipment Co., Inc.

Paul Brian Szafranski, Jr. expects to graduate in January 2010 from Universal Technical Institute, Glendale Heights, Ill., where he is studying Diesel Mechanics. His mother, Karen Szafranski, is an Accounting Assistant at Gatwood Crane Service, Arlington Heights, Ill.

The SC&R Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation with the mission to advance research and education while furthering other charitable, educational and scientific purposes for the industries served by SC&RA.

The Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA) is an international trade association of more than 1,300 members from 43 nations. Members are involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting and crane and rigging operations, manufacturing and rental.

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