



**WESTERN
PLASTICS
PIONEERS**

Western Plastics Pioneers Scholarship Awardee Status

Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2023	Nicholas Gajkowski	Western Washington University	Polymer Materials Engineering Student at WWU
2023	Halka Inagski	Western Washington University	Polymer Materials Engineering Student at WWU
2023	Emmaline Lenz	Western Washington University	Polymer Materials Engineering Student at WWU
2023	Tyrone Woodard	Western Washington University	Polymer Materials Engineering Student at WWU
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2022	Rachel Leacock	Western Washington University	Pharmacy Technician
2022	Kelsey Allis	Western Washington University	Project Engineer at Janicki Industries
2022	Dan Struble	Western Washington University	Graduate Student, The University of Southern Mississippi
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2021	<u>Juliana Covarrubias</u>	Western Washington University	Project Engineer at Janicki Industries
2021	<u>Taylor Hollcraft</u>	Western Washington University	Research Scientist, Toray Composite Materials America, Inc.
2021	Calvin Stephens	University of California, Berkeley	Project and Component Engineering Intern at Aerojet Rocketdyne
2021	Nicholas Azpeitia	UC San Diego Jacobs School of Eng'g	Student / Aspiring Engineer
2021	<u>William Dayton</u>	University of California-Davis	Manufacturing Engineer at Florida Custom Mold
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2020	<u>Juliana Covarrubias</u>	Western Washington University	Project Engineer at Janicki Industries
2020	<u>William Dayton</u>	University of California-Davis	Manufacturing Engineer at Florida Custom Mold
2020	Allison Van Horn	Oregon State Univ.	Mechanical Engineer @ Intel
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2019	Mikaeka Sadri	Western Washington University	Graduate Student at University of Southern Mississippi
2019	Samuel Estes	Western Washington University	Mfg. Engineer II Rocket Engine Integration/Assembly @ Blue Origin

2019	Jillian McKenzie	University of the Pacific - Stockton, CA	Product Development Engineer at Iota Biosciences, Inc.
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2018	Levi Hamernik	Western Washington University	Ph.D. student, Wiggins Research Group
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2017	Bradyn Donegan	Western Washington University	Manufacturing Engineer at SpaceX, Redondo Beach, CA
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2016	Alec Jobbins	University of California, Berkeley	Aerodynamics PhD Student at University of Notre Dame
Scholarship Year	Name	School	2024 LinkedIn Status
2015	Rachel Leacock	Western Washington University	Manufacturing Engineer at Edwards Lifescience, Los Angeles
2015	Preston Zhou	University of California, Berkeley	Graduate Research Assistant at Harvard University (quantum physics)

Statistics on Scholarship Awardees since 2015		
# of students	% of students	
2	9%	No LinkedIn pages
4	17%	Total still students
16	70%	Total in Plastics Industry
1	4%	Total out of Plastics Industry
23	100%	Grand Total

2023 ----5 applicants / 4 awardees

Reviewers (THANK YOU!):

George Yule

Jack Williams

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unanimous BoD approval for \$3,000. scholarships (first time)

2023 Scholarship Awards

Emmeline Lenz – George Epstein Scholarship

Halka Inagaki – Mike Friend Scholarship

Nicholas Gajkowski – Modified Plastics, Inc. Scholarship

Tyrone Woodward - Ed Laird Scholarship

"Where are They Now" - WPP Scholarship History:

23 - awardees from 2015 - 2023 (\$69,000.)

Special Thanks to SPE Foundation (Eve Vitalie and Katie Zahrt):

- market scholarships
- collect applications / post on portal for Review
- process awardees (letter and check to school / PPT
- \$191,875 awarded to 51 future plastics professionals

Comments:

- highs:
 - more member & industry contribution
 - confirmation that high % of awardees are entering plastics industry
 - stronger connection with SPE Foundation
- lows:
 - only 5 applicants (no S. Calif. schools)