

# The Scholar



*Highlighting the  
Recipients of the 2000  
Global Automotive  
Aftermarket Symposium  
Scholarship Program*



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## Investing in Your Industry's Future

*Since 1996,  
the Global  
Automotive  
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Symposium  
has awarded  
259  
scholarships.*

In the year 2000, the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to 69 outstanding students. The list of future industry leaders includes: 17 who are pursuing studies in a vocational-technical program, 26 are enrolled in a two-year college, and 26 are pursuing studies at a four-year college or university.

For the past five years, automotive aftermarket executives have gathered for the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium. This two-day educational program examines the trends and issues affecting the future of the industry. The proceeds from the event are used to fund scholarships for undergraduate and vocational-technical students preparing for careers in the automotive aftermarket.

Since 1996, the Symposium Scholarship Committee has awarded 259 scholarships. As a bonus, a matching grant is awarded to all scholarship recipients who graduate from their program and show proof of employment in the automotive aftermarket for at least six months after graduation.

If you know of an outstanding young person who has graduated from high school in the past three years (1998 or after), they may be eligible for a GAAS Scholarship. To receive a scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a college-level program or a NATEF (National Automotive Technician Education Foundation) accredited automotive technical program.

The University of the Aftermarket administers the scholarship program. For information or an application, contact the University of the Aftermarket, 9237 Ward Parkway, Suite 106, Kansas City, MO 64114, phone 816-523-8118, fax 816-523-8252, e-mail: [reg@univaftmkt.org](mailto:reg@univaftmkt.org), web site: [www.univaftmkt.com](http://www.univaftmkt.com)



# Vocational- Technical Students

## Jeremiah J. Baker



A native of Pinetop, Ariz., Jeremiah is enrolled in a 15-month program at the Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix. He was president of the automotive VICA

Club at Blue Ridge High School and worked part-time for CarQuest Auto Parts. He hopes to work in the service and repair department at a dealership, and to eventually open his own repair shop.

## Brian E. Barber



Brian plans to attend Nashville Auto Diesel College to work as a diesel mechanic. A graduate of Lawton (Mich.) High School, he worked as a part-time tire technician at Discount Tire Company in Kalamazoo. An honor roll student, he received varsity letters in baseball, soccer and wrestling.

## Jacob Barta



A native of Lewiston, Mont., Jacob was active in his high school and served as president of the local FFA chapter this past year. He is enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in

Phoenix, and upon graduation would like to become a NASCAR mechanic.

## Jayson Bohn



Jayson participated in the Ford Troubleshooting Contest this past year and plans to become an automotive/truck/industrial technician upon

graduation from Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix. A native of West

Valley City, Utah, he was a member of VICA and worked part-time as a tire technician.

## Daniel Carlson



*Industry Sponsor: J. Macleod, Advantage, Inc., Madison, Conn.*

Daniel is pursuing studies at New England Technical Institute in New Britain, Conn. While attending school, he is working as a part-time mechanic at Madison Service Center in Madison, Conn.

## Leo Comeau



Leo plans to attend Wyoming Technical Institute to pursue a career as an automotive technician. A native of Bishop, Calif., he worked at a local automotive machine

shop and was an honor student at Bishop Union High School.

## Jermaine Dotson

Jermaine hopes someday to own an auto collision repair business. A native of East Moline, Ill., he plans to pursue studies at Nashville Auto Diesel College.

## Josh Kinninger



*Industry Sponsor: Jeff Jarvis, Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio*

Josh is a native of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and plans to pursue studies at Northwestern College in Lima, Ohio.

## Mark Lenzion



Mark will attend Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix to pursue studies as an automotive technician. A native of Colorado Springs, Colo., he is an Eagle Scout and

has worked part-time at Advanced Auto Parts. He hopes someday to open his own repair shop.

## Jeffrey L. Moyes



*Industry Sponsor: Steve Hoellein, Felt Auto Parts, Ogden, Utah*

Jeffrey is enrolled at Davis Applied Technical Center with plans to become an automotive technician. A 1999 graduate of James Madison High School, he has worked as a technician at Kyle's Service Center in Ogden. During the past year he has taken automotive classes, after work, at Weber State University in safety inspection and emissions.

## Christopher Noyes



A native of Epping, N.H., Christopher is enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in Houston, Texas. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is

pursuing studies in auto body repair.

## Kevin S. Sabins



Kevin has been a junior member of the Union, Maine volunteer fire department for the past two years. He is enrolled at Baran Institute of Technology in

Windsor, Conn., with plans to pursue a career as an ASE certified diesel mechanic.

## Blake Sanders



Blake is enrolled at Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie, with plans to pursue a career in automotive mechanical or body repair. He has been working part-time at

an autobody repair shop in his hometown of Woodland Park, Colo., serving as an assistant to the painter. He was an honorable mention recipient of the Colorado High School Activities Association Academic All State award.

**Ronald Stamp, Jr.**



A graduate of Smithfield High School in Esmond, R.I., Ronald is enrolled in the automotive technology program at Vermont Technical College in

Randolph Center, Vt. He was a member of the National Honor Society and has a goal "to be the best automotive technician in the field."

**Leif S. Tefertiller**



Leif attends Arizona Automotive Institute in Phoenix where he has been named to the Dean's list. He works part-time at Biddulph Jeep-Chrysler in

Glendale, Ariz. He plans to return to his native Texas upon graduation to pursue a career as an automotive technician.

**Carl Williams**



*Industry Sponsor: Jeff Jarvis, Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio*

Originally from Covington, Ind., Carl is enrolled at Northwestern

College in Lima, Ohio. He is working towards his diploma as an automotive/diesel/alternative fuels technician.

**Matt Ziegler**



Matt is a graduate of Mansfield Junior-Senior High School in Mansfield, PA. He was voted Outstanding Athlete in 10th and 11th grade for cross-country, and was

vice president of the Key Club. He is enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill., with plans to become an automotive technician.

## 2-Year Students

**Benjamin Albaugh**

*Industry Sponsor: Jeff Jarvis, Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio*

Benjamin is a native of Minerva, Ohio and has been enrolled in studies at Northwestern College in Lima, Ohio for the past two years. Upon graduation he plans to pursue further studies. He would ultimately like to become an ASE certified master technician.

**Trevor Allen**



Trevor is enrolled in the automotive technology program at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. A native of Haxton, Colo., he hopes to open his own

automotive repair shop someday.

**James Bisig**



*Industry Sponsor: Jeff Jarvis, Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio*

James is pursuing an associate degree in automotive technology at

Northwestern College with a goal of becoming an automotive technician. He is a 1999 graduate of Wilmington High School in Wilmington, Ohio.

**Paul Bonsack**



Paul is a native of Bancroft, Wisc., and is enrolled full-time at Mid-State in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. He has been interested in automotive repair since he was young

and plans to pursue a career as a technician.

**Shawn Buckley**



Shawn is enrolled in the high performance technology program at Northwestern College. A native of Seaford, N.Y., Shawn captured two first place awards in

separate auto repair competitions sponsored by VICA and the Greater New York Automotive Dealers Association. He hopes someday to own and operate his own high performance engine shop.

**William Carver**



William is enrolled in Transport Systems Technologies GM ASEP program at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C. He has worked with his grandfather

restoring classic cars in his hometown of Rutherfordton, N.C., for the past four years. Upon graduation he plans to work as a technician at a GM dealership.

**Brian Craig**



*Industry Sponsor: Jeff Jarvis, Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio*

A native of New Buffalo, Mich., Brian is majoring in high performance

technology at Northwestern College. He has worked part-time in automotive repair the past two years, and has served as a volunteer crewmember for several NHRA and sportsman competitions.

**Erik Dick**



*Industry Sponsor: Tom Dunkle, Baker Auto Parts, Seneca, Pa.*

Erik is a graduate of Glendale Junior-Senior High School in Flinton, Penn. He

is enrolled at Penn College of Technology where he is majoring in the Automotive Technician with Ford Asset emphasis. With his father working in the industry the past 15



years at an auto parts store, Erik's goal is to work as an automotive technician at a Ford dealership.

**Kevin Eckstein**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

A native of Tiro, Ohio, Kevin graduated from the mechanical

engineering program at Terra Community College in Fremont, Ohio in 1999. He is currently enrolled at Northwestern College pursuing high performance technology studies. Upon graduation he plans to work in the high performance field building engines, transmissions, suspensions, and working on high performance racecars and trucks.

**Terrence Erzar**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Terrence is a high performance technology major at Northwestern

College. A native of Ely, Minn., Terrence was president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the football, track, and hockey teams. Upon completing his studies, he hopes to become a crewmember or driver of an NHRA Top Fuel team.

**Richard Forbes**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Richard is studying to be a diesel technician at Northwestern

College. Upon graduation he plans to return to his hometown of North Conway, N.H., to find work with a truck dealership, construction company or heavy equipment dealership.

**Brandon Geary**



Brandon is enrolled at Ivy Tech State College in Fort Wayne, Ind. At East Noble High School in Noblesville, Ind., he was named to the honor roll three straight years. Upon

graduation from Ivy Tech, Brandon plans to become an automotive technician with a goal of obtaining ASE master technician certification.

**Bethany Grausam**



A native of Lacey, Wash., Bethany is pursuing studies at Shoreline Community College in Seattle. She was treasurer of her high school VICA chapter

and a member of the cross-country team. Her career goal is to work as an automotive technician specializing in onboard computer systems. Bethany hopes to obtain a business degree and eventually open her own automotive repair business.

**Tom Leskovan**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Tom is pursuing a double major in high performance technology and

diesel technology at Northwestern College. He is a graduate of Riverside High School in Painesville, Ohio, where he was president of the FFA chapter. When he graduates, Tom plans to work for Hyatt Racing Services - a company that travels the NHRA racing circuit and sells aftermarket parts on the midway.

**Rex Malan**



A native of Ogden, Utah, Rex planned to pursue studies at Weber State University. He is an Eagle Scout and was captain of his high school football team. His three-

man team placed third in VICA

Skills Competition USA. He hopes to be employed upon graduation as an apprentice in a large company or dealership.

**Carmen Mercantini**



Carmen is attending Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, N.C. For the past four years he has worked in his father's automotive business while attending

Croatan High School in Newport, N.C. At Croatan he participated in both football and wrestling and was named Outstanding Athlete of the Year in 1999. After college, Carmen plans to enter the automotive industry and eventually take over the family business.

**Raymond Moreau, Jr.**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Raymond is enrolled at Northwestern College in the high performance

technician program. He attended H.C. Wilcox High School in Meriden, Conn., where he participated as a state finalist in the VICA competitions for two years. Upon completing his education, Raymond hopes to work as a technician in an established dealership or high performance garage.

**Christopher Ours**



*Industry Sponsor:*  
Jeff Jarvis,  
Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Christopher was a member of the local FFA and was a member of the fifth

place team in the state small engines competition. He is enrolled at Northwestern College as an automotive technology major. He plans to be an automotive technician and hopes someday to take over his family's automotive repair shop.

**Blair Schuagaard**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
Steve Hoellein, Felt  
Auto Parts, Ogden,  
Utah

A native of Layton,  
Utah, Blair is  
enrolled at the  
Davis Applied

Technology Center in Ogden. He is an Eagle Scout and was a member of the VICA chapter at Layton High School. He earned the AutoZone Auto Partners in Education Achievement award. He plans to be a certified technician in a variety of automotive areas, and hopes to work after graduation in a dealership.

**Anthony Sergent**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
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College, Lima, Ohio

Anthony is enrolled  
at Northwestern  
College studying  
automotive diesel

technology and agricultural equipment technology. A native of Corunna, Mich., he hopes to work as an automotive technician at a dealership upon graduation.

**Tim Shoemaker**

Tim has worked at an automotive repair shop for seven years. He is enrolled in the automotive technology program at North Technical Education Center in Riviera Beach, Fla. Tim's parents own an automotive repair shop and he plans to continue working in the business upon graduation.

**James "Ryan" Smith**

A native of Manor,  
Texas, Ryan is  
enrolled at Texas  
State Technical  
College in Waco.  
He garnered  
numerous honors  
and held several  
offices in his local

FFA chapter. Upon graduation he plans to be a technician working on heavy-duty trucks or diesel cars.

**John Stanart**

A member of the  
National Honor  
Society and the FFA,  
John is from  
Encampment, Wyo.,  
and is enrolled at  
Casper College. He  
held several part-  
time jobs through

high school, including repairing equipment and tractors for a contract farmer. After completing his college studies, John plans to find work as a diesel technician.

**Michael J. Sturm**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
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Northwestern  
College, Lima, Ohio

Michael is studying  
automotive  
technology at  
Northwestern

College, after completing a two-year program at Ashtabula County Joint Vocational school. He currently works part-time at Monro Muffler/Brake as a technician. Upon graduation he hopes to work for a dealership or an independent repair garage.

**Michael Tenpenny**

Michael is enrolled  
at Tennessee  
Technical Center in  
Hartsville, Tenn. He  
works part-time as  
a mechanic at  
General Tire. Upon  
graduation, he  
hopes to become

an ASE certified master technician. Michael would eventually like to own an automotive repair shop.

**William "Billy" Toone**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
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Center, Clearfield,  
Utah

A native of Hyrum,  
Utah, Billy is a  
graduate of

Mountain Crest High School. He is an Eagle Scout and has worked part-time for Jensen Motor Company of Hyrum as a general automotive mechanic. He is planning to pursue further education to become an automotive technician. Billy hopes someday to start his own shop.

# Four-Year Students

**Kevin Aniunas**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
Steve Horn, Dana  
Brake & Chassis,  
McHenry, Ill.

While attending C.  
Milton Wright High  
School in Bel Air,  
Md., Kevin worked

part-time at Kunkel Service Company—an automotive parts distribution company. During high school he was active in the Future Business Leaders of America and DECA. After completing a four-year program, Kevin would like to pursue a job in the automotive aftermarket.

**Stuart Avery**

*Industry Sponsor:*  
Lawrence Avery,  
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Clay Center, Kan.

Stuart is a junior at  
Kansas State  
University in  
Manhattan. He is a

member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. His career goal, as a mechanical engineering major with a minor in chemistry, is to be able to advance technology in the automotive aftermarket. Stuart hopes to work in design and fabrication.

**Brandon Bunker**

A native of  
Bradenton, Fla.,  
Brandon is a  
sophomore at  
Northwood  
University's West  
Palm Beach  
campus, majoring  
in automotive

aftermarket management. He is a member of the Dean's list and participated in Northwood's auto show. After graduation, Brandon hopes to start a business selling automotive performance parts and accessories.

**Julie C. Cook**



*Industry Sponsor: Donald Gillen, Radiator Specialty, Charlotte, N.C.*

A graduate of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, N.C., Julie was a

member of the swimming, volleyball and track teams. In addition, she was secretary of the FHA club for two years and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Julie has been a Special Olympics volunteer. After college she hopes to work with the deaf/hearing impaired as a sports/occupational therapist.

**Emily Ferguson**



Emily participated in many extra-curricular activities during her studies at Forest View High School in Gastonia, N.C. She was co-editor of the school yearbook, a

member of the school swim team, and president of her junior class. She is enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill majoring in business/accounting/finance. After graduation, she plans to obtain a masters degree in business or accounting. She hopes to work someday for a major international business or manufacturing firm.

**Jeffrey Fry**



*Industry Sponsor: Steve Hoellein, Felt Auto Parts, Ogden, Utah*

A native of Washington Terrace, Utah, Jeffrey was planning to pursue

automotive studies at either Utah State University or Weber State University. He was active in the automotive program at Bonneville High School in Ogden where he graduated in 2000. He hopes someday to open his own automotive repair business.

**Melissa Fulton**



*Industry Sponsor: Ed Fulton, Dee Engineering Inc., Costa Mesa, Calif.*

Melissa is a senior at the University of Arizona majoring in communication

studies. She is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority where she is secretary. A native of Lake Forest, Calif., after graduation Melissa plans to enter the automotive industry in a public relations or advertising capacity.

**Joseph Goodin**



*Industry Sponsor: Steve Hoellein, Felt Auto Parts, Ogden, Utah*

Joseph is enrolled in the automotive program at Weber State University in

Ogden, Utah. He was a mechanic's apprentice at a Dodge dealership during his studies at Fremont High School in Plain City, Utah and was a first place winner in a regional VICA Skills USA automotive contest. His career goal is to be a regional manager for Daimler-Chrysler.

**Ryan Graham**



Ryan is an automotive technology major at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. At Ogden High School he completed two years of studies in the

automotive program. His team took third place in the VICA Automotive Skills competition. His career goal is to work in the automotive industry.

**Keith Heard**



A native of Trotwood, Ohio, Keith was a member of the Trotwood-Madison High School marching, concert, jazz and pep bands. He is a member of the

National Honor Society and the National Society of Black Engineers. Keith is a freshman at Kettering University in Flint, Mich., with a career goal of working as an automotive engineer.

**Jessica Hilliard**

Jessica is in her second year of studies in the automotive aftermarket management program at the Texas campus of Northwood University. A native of Midlothian, Texas, she plans to pursue a career in the automotive aftermarket hoping someday to open her own business.

**Lukas Horst**



Lukas is a freshman at Pittsburgh State University in Pittsburgh, Kan., where he is pursuing a degree in automotive technology. He is a graduate of

Emporia High School where he was involved in a number of extra-curricular activities. Having grown up on a farm, Lukas would like to settle in the Midwest upon graduation and operate his own auto repair business, focusing on the agricultural community.

**Nathan D. Kufel**



Nathan is a sophomore at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., pursuing studies in the automotive aftermarket management

program. A native of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, he graduated with honors from Westlake High School. He hopes to use his aftermarket knowledge and fluency in Spanish to work for Delphi Automotive at one of their South American facilities.

**Ryan Kun**



Ryan is a graduate of Martensville High School in his hometown of Martensville, Saskatchewan. He was a member of a local curling team that won regional

championships from 1998-2000. He is enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan College of Commerce with a career goal of being involved in the automotive aftermarket in a financial capacity.

**Aaron Lee**

A native of Naperville, Ill., Aaron is a freshman at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. He is pursuing an associate degree in automotive

technology, and a bachelor's degree in automotive and heavy equipment management. Aaron plans to pursue a career in the automotive industry.

**Jon Ludtke**

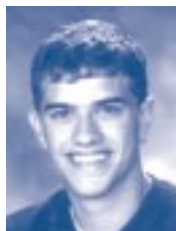
Jon is a graduate of Waterford Union High School in Waterford, Wisc., where he was a member of the track and football teams and a member of the National Honor

Society. He is attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison, pursuing studies as a mechanical engineer. He has repaired and restored vehicles in his spare time, and hopes to use his engineering degree in automotive manufacturing.

**James McBride**

James grew up in Newton, Penn., and graduated this year from Council Rock High School. Since he was 15 he has been employed at an automotive repair shop. He is

pursuing a five-year engineering degree program at Drexel University and hopes to work in the automotive industry upon graduation.

**Daniel Pickens**

The captain of his high school hockey and golf teams, Daniel is a native of Sauk Rapids, Minn. He has worked part-time in his family's automotive parts business. He

is enrolled at the University of Minnesota at Duluth and plans to pursue a career in the automotive parts industry.

**Cameron Sowa**

*Industry Sponsor:* Glenn Matejka, Actron Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio

Cameron is studying

engineering at Hiram College in Ohio. She is a graduate of Fairview High School in Fairview Park, Ohio, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and MVP of the varsity tennis team. Cameron hopes to use her engineering degree in the automotive industry.

**Steven Stoll**

A native of Swanton, Ohio, Steven planned to pursue studies at the University of Dayton or Kettering University. He was an honors student at St. John's Jesuit

High School in Toledo. Steven's career plans are to use his mechanical engineering degree in the automotive field for GM.

**Christopher Theissen**

Christopher is a graduate of Hermann High School in Missouri. He has worked part-time with his father at the family's three NAPA auto parts stores.

After completing studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia in accounting, Christopher hopes someday to be the fourth generation to run Fritz Auto Parts.

**Jose Torricella**

*Industry Sponsor:* Jose Hernandez, AAA Million Auto Parts, Inc., Miami, Fla.

A graduate of Saint Brendan High School in Miami, Fla., Jose was

planning to pursue studies at St. Thomas University or the University of Miami. He was quite active in extra-curricular activities, including, business manager of the school newspaper. He has worked part-

time in his grandfather's auto parts business the past four years. After graduation, he hopes to return to the family business.

**Dennis Walker**

Dennis is a native of Standish, Mich., and is pursuing studies at Northwood University.

**Kami Williams**

Originally from Opp, Ala., Kami is studying at Troy State University.

**Jared Yenna**

A native of Omer, Mich., Jared is a junior at Northwood University studying automotive aftermarket management. He is a member of the Northwood football

team, and was named to the Dean's list in 1998. Jared's goal is to be employed in the automotive aftermarket upon graduation, and to work towards owning his own truck accessory shop.

**Justin Yoder**

*Industry Sponsor:* Steve Hoellein, Felt Auto Parts, Ogden, Utah

Justin is a 1998 graduate of Bonneville High School in Ogden,

Utah, where he studied in the school's auto mechanics program. He is pursuing studies at Weber State University and has worked part-time at Pep Boys for the past three years as a technician. His goal after graduation is to work as a service manager.



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