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PRESS RELEASE

ETA and IWCE Offer Veteran and Student Scholarships

Veterans and students interested in wireless communications careers are encouraged to apply by essay to win scholarships to attend Education Forum at the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE). Winners will meet industry leaders at the Job Training and Education Center, featuring over 350 wireless companies.

Greencastle, August 25, 2016: One fortunate US Military Veteran and one student will each earn a scholarship to attend [Electronics Technicians Association, \(ETA[®]\) International's Education Forum 2017 \(EF17\) and Penton's International Wireless Communications Expo \(IWCE\)](#), co-locating March 27-31, 2017 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV.

Students and honorably discharged US Military Veterans interested in the many exciting and lucrative technical careers in the wireless communications field are encouraged to submit an essay for a scholarship to attend EF17@IWCE. Winners will have the opportunity to meet industry leaders and recruiters at the Job Education and Training Center, featuring over 350 wireless companies.

The student scholarship essay contest includes one short course package conference pass (\$549 value), one coach class plane ticket to Las Vegas, NV (value up to \$400), two nights hotel stay at IWCE's host hotel (approximate value of \$400), access to IWCE's exhibit hall and recognition during ETA's annual award banquet.

Last year's student winner was Kelly Krenek from A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, TX. Although her focus was on information technology, after the EF16@IWCE experience, she now plans to concentrate her continued education on networking and wireless communication.

"While I entered the conference with the intention to become a systems engineer, I've now discovered even more opportunities and careers I could choose from within wireless communications," Krenek said.

To be eligible, the student must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and

must be currently enrolled in a school or other technical training program. This essay must describe the student's ideal career in wireless communications, how this scholarship could benefit their future personally and professionally, as well as why they should be considered for this scholarship.

Honorably discharged Veterans with an FCC Amateur Radio License or those with a strong communications background are encouraged to apply for the Veteran Scholarship. It includes one seat in the [Radio Frequency Interference Mitigation](#) hands-on training workshop conducted by Ira Wiesenfeld, P.E., of [IWA Technical Services, Inc.](#), along with ETA's RFIM certification test, a \$949 total value.

The Veteran scholarship also includes five nights hotel stay (room charge and tax) at IWCE's host hotel; one Short Course Package conference pass to IWCE - \$549 value. one coach class plane ticket to Las Vegas, Nevada - value up to \$400; access to the Job Training & Education Center along with IWCE's two-day exhibit hall and recognition during ETA's annual award banquet.

Last year's Veteran co-winners were Brian C. Anderson, CET, and Marcus Irvine, CETsr, both from Veteran's Assembled electronics (FL).

"Brian and Marcus both attended IWATSI's Line and Antenna Sweep workshop to earn certification and gain critical knowledge and hands-on skills to launch successful civilian careers," said VAe CEO John Shepard.

Students and Veterans interested in applying must submit a 1,000-word or less essay, along with a recent resume, cover letter and picture no later than January 9, 2017 to ETA at eta@eta-i.org.

ETA will once again host training from top industry experts at IWCE to obtain valuable hands-on skills with the opportunity to earn ETA certification. Training will include Basic Electronics, Communications Site Installer (Motorola's R56), Distributed Antenna Systems, Fiber Optics Installer, General Communications Technician, Line and Antenna Sweeping, Mobile Communications Electronics Installation and RF Interference Mitigation from such respected trainers as ATRG Technical Services, Bird Technologies, Commdex Consulting, Dover Telecommunications Services, IWA Technical Services, Inc. and Light Brigade.

As more Veterans, students, technicians and educators discover the ETA

Education Forum at IWCE and the remarkable value it offers, the partners will continue to offer professional development opportunities at a reasonable price. To see the IWCE conference agenda, including ETA-hosted industry training and ETA certification exams, please visit www.iwceexpo.com.

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About INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS EXPO (IWCE) - Since 1977, the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) has been the premier annual event for communications technology professionals. IWCE features over 380 exhibitors showcasing the latest products and trends in the industry. Over 7,000 individuals attend from a diverse group of industry professionals including government/military, public safety, utility, transportation and business enterprise. IWCE 2017 will be held March 27-31, 2017 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. For more information, visit www.iwceexpo.com

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