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PRESS RELEASE

Earn a Veteran or Student Wireless Communications Scholarship

Veterans and students interested in wireless communications careers are encouraged to submit an essay by January 7, 2018 to win a scholarship to attend ETA International's Education Forum 2018. Winners will meet respected industry leaders and recruiters from government, public safety, utility, transportation, and business enterprise during the March conference in Orlando FL.



Greencastle, December 14, 2017: ETA International and the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) are cosponsoring a scholarship for one US Veteran and one student interested in the many exciting, lucrative and diverse careers in wireless communications careers to attend ETA's Education Forum 2018 (EF18), which will co-locate with IWCE March 5-9, 2018 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

The Veteran scholarship 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 Orlando, FL - value up to \$400; and access to the Job Training & Education Center, along with a pass to IWCE's two-day exhibit hall.

The Veteran scholarship also includes a choice of one seat in either the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), Line Antenna Sweep (LAS), or Microwave Radio Technician (MRT) hands-on training workshop, all conducted by Dover Telecommunications Services, along with ETA's related certification test, a \$949 total value. Veterans with an FCC Amateur Radio License or those with a strong communications background are encouraged to apply.

Last year's Veteran scholarship winner was Cody Kunze, FOI, RFIM, Traffic Signal Technician, Missouri Department of Transportation.

"The quality and quantity of the people I was introduced to and able to network with was incredible! The ETA instructors I had the pleasure of learning from are some of the smartest people I've had the pleasure of meeting," Kunze said.

The student scholarship essay contest also includes one short course package conference pass (\$549 value), one coach class plane ticket to Orlando, FL (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 Delphine A. Leoue Ngoki Djomo from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station, TX.

"I am passionate about wireless communications and the potential of the field to radically change the way we interact with each other," Djomo said, and added, "There is no doubt that this scholarship will be the catalyst to my growth within this field."

To be eligible, students 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.

Scholarship winners will be introduced to career recruiters from many of the leading employers who are driving the communications technology industry at the Job Education and Training Center, featuring over 350 wireless companies. Winners will also be recognized during ETA's annual Awards Banquet, where they will be personally introduced to industry movers and shakers with future-thinking insights.

Essays must be 1,000 words (12 point type and double-spaced) or less and must be accompanied with a recent resume, cover letter and picture as separate attachments. The deadline is January 7, 2018 and may be submitted eta@eta-i.org or mlawson@eta-i.org.

Hands-on training workshops leading to ETA certification at EF18@IWCE include: Certified Electronics Technician, Cybersecurity and Information Technology Specialist, Distributed Antenna Systems, Fiber to the Antenna, General Communications Technician, Levels 1 and 2, Line and Antenna Sweeping, Mobile Communications and Electronics Technician, Microwave Radio Technician, Photovoltaic (Solar Panel) Installation, R56 Communications Site Installer and RF Interference Mitigation from such respected trainers as ATRG Technical Services; Bird Technologies; Commdex Consulting; Dover Telecommunications Services; IWA Technical Services, Inc.; Light Brigade; Radio Systems Analytics; Wilson Electronics; and Chris Miller, CETsr, of Heartland Community College.

Register today for to attend these hands-on training workshops or technical sessions at https://www.iwceexpo/ETA.

View pictures of the event on ETA's website at http://www.etai.org/education forum.html or on ETA's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ETAInternational.

About the Education Forum - ETA International is proud to host hands-on training through outside vendors in popular technology areas related to ETA certification during Education Forum, co-located with the International Wireless Communications Expo, March 5-9, 2018, in Orlando, FL. ETA's partners, the industry's most respected trainers, will provide in-depth hands-on training in 12 key areas of expertise beginning on Monday, March 5th. Following each training class, ETA will provide opportunities to test for ETA certification.

About ETA - Since 1978, ETA has delivered over 200,000 certification examinations successfully. Widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring processes, pay increases, and advancements, ETA certifications are often required as companies bid on contracts. ETA's certifications are personal and travel with the individual, regardless of employment or status change and measure competencies of persons, not products or vendors. All ETA certifications are accredited through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and align with the ISO-17024 standard. www.eta-i.org

About International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) - Since 1977, the International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) has been the authoritative annual event for communications technology professionals. IWCE features over 370 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 2018 will be held March 5-9, 2018 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando FL. For more information, visit www.iwceexpo.com.

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