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AIA West Virginia, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, has announced the recipients of its annual scholarship program for West Virginia students pursuing a career in Architecture. Again this year, AIA West Virginia was able to award \$13,750.00 to five students, due in part to a \$4000.00 grant from the National Component of AIA in Washington, DC.

The 2007 scholarships are awarded as follows: An \$8000.00 scholarship to **Benjamin Trudel**, a graduate of Morgantown High School, who is enrolled in the Master of Architecture program at the University of Virginia. In addition, Benjamin will receive the \$1500.00 Floyd J. Clingenpeel Memorial Award, Funded annual by CMA Engineering of Charleston/Morgantown. A \$2000.00 scholarship was awarded to **Elizabeth Richardson**, a graduate of Bluefield High School who is enrolled in the Master of Architecture program at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. A \$1000.00 scholarship was awarded to **Annika Plevich**, a graduate of Morgantown High School, who is enrolled in the Master of Architecture program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The \$750.00 Jeffrey Mayfield Memorial Award goes to **Justin Szajnecki** a senior at Fairmont State University and a native of Michigan. The \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to **Matthew Riffle**, a junior at Fairmont State University who is from Harrisville, WV. Students from FSU are enrolled in a 4 year architectural technology program.

Because there is no state school of Architecture, the WV Chapter of AIA has continued to support West Virginia students enrolled in accredited programs leading to a professional degree in Architecture and continues to recognize the importance of the Architectural education to its profession and has recently voted to expand the Scholarship Program.

Members of the AIAWV Scholarship Committee are: Chair, John Harris, AIA; Jody Driggs, AIA; Jeffry Kreps, AIA; Robert Wilson, AIA; and William Yoke, AIA.