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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 \$14,750.00 to six students, due in part to a \$4000.00 grant from the National Component of AIA in Washington, DC.

The 2008 scholarships are awarded as follows: A \$5000.00 scholarship to **Benjamin Trudel**, a graduate of Morgantown High School, who is enrolled in the Master of Architecture program at the University of Virginia. A \$4000.00 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 \$3000.00 scholarship was awarded to **Orin Kincade**, a graduate of Bridgeport High School, who is enrolled in the Master of Architecture program at Miami University. In addition **Ryan Hess**, a graduate of University High School, who is enrolled in the Master of Science in Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture will receive the \$1500.00 Floyd J. Clingenpeel Memorial Award, Funded annual by CMA Engineering of Charleston/Morgantown.

The \$750.00 Jeffrey Mayfield Memorial Award goes to **Brandi Smith** a senior at Fairmont State University and a native of Fairmont. The \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to **Ashley Shaver**, a junior at Fairmont State University who is from Tunnelton, 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; Jeffrey Kreps, AIA; Robert Wilson, AIA; and William Yoke, AIA.