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**Ennes Educational Foundation Trust Announces Five Scholarship Recipients**

***August 28 2020, Indianapolis, IN -*** The Ennes Educational Foundation Trust™ has awarded five scholarships for 2020. The recipients were chosen from applications received by July 1, 2020, from the previous 12 months.

The Harold E. Ennes Scholarship, Robert D. Greenberg Scholarship, John H. Battison Founder's Scholarship and newly created Gino Ricciardelli Scholarship are awarded to individuals interested in continuing or beginning their education in broadcast engineering and technology. The Youth Scholarship is specifically for a graduating high school senior interested in broadcast engineering as a career. Each scholarship awarded this year is for $2,500.

This year the Harold E. Ennes Scholarship recipient is Chris Gamelin of Middletown, CT. He says he knew he wanted to be involved with broadcasting since he was very young, whether it was playing music via the internet or broadcasting a basketball game at his school. His goals in broadcasting continue to evolve as he feeds his hunger to learn. He credits John Ramsey for teaching him the technical side, which is what Chris is pursuing. His professional work began with an internship at WQUN-AM. Since then, he has worked for iHeartRadio and Entercom Communications, and is now a maintenance technician for WFSB-TV.

Receiving the Robert D. Greenberg Scholarship is Jon Sanelli of Albertson, NY. Jon loves everything about broadcasting, and more specifically how it all works technically. He has worked on the engineering and production side in the New York City market at WRHU Radio Hofstra University, in addition to broadcast facilities in the five boroughs and the Tri-state. Jon knows that broadcasting needs technology, but more importantly, it is people that make the industry shine.

The John H. Battison SBE Founder's Scholarship has been awarded to Ismail Otu, CRO, CTO, originally from the Bronx, but now living in Charlotte, NC. He graduated from The Broadcasting Production Technology Program at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in Charlotte. He served on Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society’s Vice President Committee, interned at WTVI PBS Charlotte, and earned the Most Outstanding Student Award at the Student Excellence Convocation on behalf of the CPCC’s broadcasting program. Ismail plays several critical roles during live events and concerts for CPCC’s performing arts and events facilities including sound board operator and stage/audio technician. While having extensive experience working as an audio engineer, he is devoted to becoming well-versed in other technical areas. Enthusiasm for audio fuels Ismail's IT skill development focusing on networking technologies. He plans to attend The Cleveland Institute of Electronics and major in Broadcast Engineering/Wireless Communication Electronics to pursue a career in broadcast operations.

The Gino Ricciardelli Scholarship, created earlier this year in recognition of Gino Ricciardelli, an SBE Charter, Life and Fellow member who died in 2018, has been awarded to Sadie Levy of New York, NY. She currently attends Northeastern University in Boston, where she is majoring in electrical and computer engineering, with a focus on media production. Sadie graduated from Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, where she worked on various school productions as a Digital Media Department Intern. Also, while in high school, Sadie was awarded scholarships to study digital electronics in pre-college programs at both The Cooper Union and New York University. Last summer, Sadie completed a media internship in a New York City government office, and this summer she is completing a media/design internship at ATEM NYC. Sadie is looking forward to contributing to the field of recording and new media.

Isaiah Dickson of Brookhaven, PA, received the Youth Scholarship. Isaiah is entering his freshman year at Cabrini University. He will major in digital communication and social media. His work has been recognized by the Population Media Center and the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. He has been a part of the creation of a short film titled *Marvelon* as well as being part of the CollegeXpress student vlogger program. In his spare time he enjoys filming and editing his own videos, writing poetry, writing music, and live streaming.

SBE President Wayne Pecena, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, DRB, CBNE, said, “The SBE has an ongoing focus on education, and the Ennes Scholarships are yet another piece of the overall education effort. We look forward to seeing the great progress of these five budding engineers as they further their education goals with the assistance of the Ennes Educational Foundation Trust.”

The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), a non-profit, professional organization formed in 1964, is devoted to the advancement of all levels and types of broadcast engineering. Operating from our national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, SBE is a chapter-based membership association with approximately 5,000 members and 114 local chapters nationwide.

The SBE provides education and training programs to expand technical skills, and its certification program is a standard-bearer for professional competency in broadcast and communications engineering. SBE offers a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of information allowing engineers to keep pace with the rapidly changing broadcast industry. SBE’s frequency coordination program facilitates the use by broadcast engineers of radio spectrum for program and electronic news production. SBE also advocates before Federal agencies and the United States Congress on technical regulatory issues that affect broadcast engineers.

The Harold Ennes Scholarship Fund Trust was initiated by Indianapolis Chapter 25 in 1980 in memory of Harold E. Ennes, author of many textbooks for broadcast and broadcast-related communications training and a member of the Indianapolis chapter. Ennes was a member of the SBE's national Certification Committee and made many contributions to the early development of the Certification Program. To encourage greater growth, the Scholarship Trust was transferred by Chapter 25 to the SBE national organization to administer in 1981. The name of the Trust was changed in 1995 to the "Harold Ennes Educational Foundation Trust" to fully embrace its expanded role.

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