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**Ennes Educational Foundation Trust Awards Six Scholarships**

***October 3, 2023, Indianapolis, IN -*** The Ennes Educational Foundation Trust™ has awarded six scholarships for 2023. The recipients were chosen from applications received by July 1, 2023, from the previous 12 months.

The Harold E. Ennes Scholarship, Robert D. Greenberg Scholarship, John H. Battison Founder's Scholarship and 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 there are two Harold E. Ennes Scholarship recipients. The first recipient is Ian Lewis from Boonville, IN, a 2023 graduate of Boonville High School. He started his career in broadcasting with student radio station WPSR at the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center. That led to a job with the University of Evansville on the sports broadcasting team. He will apply his scholarship to his studies at Western Kentucky University where he plans to study film, with an anticipated graduation in 2027.

The second Harold E. Ennes Scholarship recipient is Michael Ventrice, a junior at Hofstra University. At Hofstra, he is pursuing a double major in audio/radio production and history. He has worked as a student audio/visual technician for the Department of Event Management, and has held various positions at the school's multiple Marconi Award-Winning radio station 88.7FM WRHU, including asst. tech director, board operator, and entertainment correspondent. He was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant, NY, and graduated from Valhalla High School. He plans to complete his studies in May 2025 and pursue a career as a board engineer or show producer.

Receiving the Robert D. Greenberg Scholarship is Faith Pierce, from Hattiesburg, MS. She now resides in Baton Rouge, LA, and works as a morning show producer for iHeartMedia. In 2022, she graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi as a member of The Recording Academy/Grammys and served as a volunteer at The Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience. She will apply this scholarship toward Berklee College of Music's Music Production master's program and expects to complete her studies by 2024.

The John H. Battison SBE Founder's Scholarship has been awarded to Samantha "Sam" Armstrong, a 2023 graduate of Conestoga High School in Berwyn, PA. As part of her school’s televised morning announcement show, "Good Morning 'Stoga," she loved technical directing, floor managing, and writing scripts. She was also a member of the TETV television production club, which films sports and other live events, and helped lead the club her senior year. She also obtained her amateur radio license in 2023. She has enrolled at Ithaca College’s Park School of Communications with a major in television and digital media production. She wants to continue in this field and work behind the scenes of live TV as a career.

The Gino Ricciardelli Scholarship has been awarded to Rachel Ringo. While born in Libertyville, IL, she considers herself a true Texan, residing in Lewisville, TX, for most of her life. She graduated from Prestonwood Christian Academy and currently attends Dallas Baptist University with the goal of getting a Bachelor’s degree in broadcasting and digital media. She expects to graduate in the summer of 2025. She currently works for The Cowboy Channel as a studio technician, and she also works as a production assistant at her college. She hopes to become a technical director or producer for a media company.

Matthew Gillie received the Youth Scholarship. He was a broadcast engineer and producer at his high school, where he produced many videos for the district and some local businesses. With his participation, the school live-streamed its basketball games during his sophomore year during the pandemic as a way for fans to be able to still watch the games and as a way for the school to make some of the money back from lost ticket sales and concessions. Following the success of the basketball streams, other school events, such as the underclass awards ceremony and high school graduation, were live-streamed, and football has been added. Matthew attends Ball State University as a part of the Sports Link program, where he will major in media with a concentration in digital sports production. After college, he hopes to continue to work in broadcast engineering and explore opportunities outside of sports programming.

SBE President Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB, said, "The SBE has an ongoing focus on education, and the Ennes Scholarships are yet another piece of our overall education efforts. The SBE continues to encourage young people to pursue careers in broadcast and media technology. The SBE and I look forward to seeing the great progress of these six budding engineers as they further their education goals with the assistance of the Ennes Educational Foundation Trust."

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is the professional organization of television and radio engineers and those in related fields. The SBE has more than 4,500 members in 116 chapters across the United States and in Hong Kong and Eastern Europe. There are also members in more than 25 other countries. Most chapters meet monthly and offer educational programs and an opportunity to network with other broadcast technical professionals. The SBE offers the preeminent technical broadcast certification program in the U.S. and an expansive list of educational programs for broadcast engineers, operators, technicians, and broadcast IT professionals.

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. The SBE’s frequency coordination program facilitates the use by broadcast engineers of radio spectrum for program and electronic news production. The 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.

For more information about the SBE, contact James W. Ragsdale, executive director, at [jragsdale@sbe.org](mailto:jragsdale@sbe.org) or 317-846-9000, or visit the SBE website, [sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org).

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High-resolution images of the recipients are available online:

Samantha Armstrong – John H. Battison SBE Founder’s Scholarship

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