



Press release

Rinehart awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 13 July 2015 – Benjamin Rinehart has been awarded a 2015 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Rinehart is a MS candidate in the Department of Biomedical, Industrial & Human Factors Engineering at Wright State University (USA). He is also a graduate research assistant in the Ergonomics in Remote Environments Laboratory (EREL). His research, advised by Dr. Caroline Cao, focuses on the design, fabrication and testing of an innovative fiber optic shape tracking system. Rinehart has presented methods of utilizing Quantum Dots as fluorescent markers for novel applications in medical device design.

In 2015 SPIE awarded \$353,000 in education and travel scholarships to 126 outstanding individuals, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Cristina

Solano.

Through 2014, SPIE has distributed over \$4.5 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

To view press releases of the scholarship recipients as they become available go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact scholarships@spie.org if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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