Summers awarded Laser Technology, Engineering and Applications Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – May 25, 2018 – Adam Summers has been awarded the 2018 Laser Technology, Engineering and Applications Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.

Summers is a PhD candidate at Kansas State University (USA) in Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics in the J.R. Macdonald Laboratory working under co-advisors Dr. Carlos Trallero (Univ. of Connecticut) and Dr. Daniel Rolles (Kansas State Univ.). He has authored/co-authored eight journal articles, one of which was featured in Nature Photonics Research Highlights. Summers has performed outreach and advocacy activities at the local and national levels. Last year he was a featured speaker at the Science, Technology & Innovation Exchange in Washington DC. Summers is also a recipient of the National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship.

The Society awarded $293,000 in education scholarships to 85 outstanding SPIE student members, 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 Jeremy Bos.

Through 2017, SPIE has distributed $5.7 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.

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