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Structural Engineers Foundation Scholarship Winners

Chicago, IL: The Structural Engineers Foundation (SEF) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016–17 Scholarship Awards.

The **Undergraduate Scholarship** is awarded to **Sarah Willie** of the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. Sarah serves as President of the large ASCE student chapter, as well as the chair of the 2015-16 ASCE Steel Bridge Team, the first team to from UW-Platteville to proceed to the national competition.

The **Graduate Scholarship** is awarded to **Alvaro Canga Ruiz** of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Alvaro currently serves as the Professional Chair of the SEGSO (Structural Engineering Graduate Students Organization), and is a Graduate Research Assistant with the Rail Transportation and Engineering Center at UIUC, where he will be part of the first-ever transit-related rail infrastructure research starting this summer.

The **Max Zar Scholarship** (open to students attending Illinois universities) is awarded to **Bobby Jacobs** of Bradley University. Bobby is the Vice President for Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honorary Society) and maintains a 4.0 GPA.

The **Rubinos and Mesia Scholarship** (open to students of Hispanic descent) is awarded to **Elvia Baca** of Lehigh University. Elvia is a recent graduate of the University of New Haven with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a minor in Sustainability Studies, where she was the top student in her program.

The scholarships sponsored through SEF were established to award excellence and to advance the study of structural engineering. The SEF board applauds all of this year's applicants, congratulates this year's winners and looks forward to the contributions they will make in their future careers.

For more information about the Structural Engineers Foundation, please visit www.SEAOfI.org.

The Structural Engineers Foundation (SEF) is an independent, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to one goal: the advancement of Structural Engineering. To attain this goal, SEF has committed itself to sponsoring and funding scholarships, lectures, awards, research and publications—all aimed at strengthening the Structural Engineering profession.

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