

## News Release

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### IWCS Announces 2015 Scholarships and Recipients

**Atlanta, GA** – (December 22, 2015) IWCS - International Cable & Connectivity Symposium, the premier venue for new technologies in cable and connectivity products, processes and applications, is pleased to announce the 2015 IWCS scholarship recipients. This scholarship program includes the John T. Barteld / IWCS Scholarship Endowments, the Christopher Kenneth Eoll Memorial Endowment, as well as 6 additional annual student scholarships. Support for the scholarship program has come from several cable and connectivity organizations for many years. These awards are open to deserving juniors, seniors, and graduate university students.

“On behalf of the IWCS Board of Directors, I look forward to working closely with our selected universities and their programs to support higher education in disciplines important to our industry,” stated David Kiddoo, CEO. “These schools provide an excellent academic background for students interested in the skills necessary to advance the technologies of cable & connectivity. Our ultimate goal is to encourage a strong succession of new engineers and technicians wanting to join our cable and connectivity industries.”

The 2015 university scholarship recipients were recognized at IWCS 2015, the International Cable & Connectivity Symposium, which took place in Atlanta, Georgia, in October. “I especially enjoyed acknowledging the scholarship recipients who will be the future leaders of our industry,” said Robert A. Wessels, Jr., CommScope, Inc., Chairman of the Board, IWCS, Inc. “Attending this conference gives the scholarship recipients a unique opportunity to gain insight from and network with top engineers, researchers and executives from the cabling and connectivity industry.”

Scholarships at University of Massachusetts-Lowell were awarded to Cleveland Atkinson and Ahmed Drammeh, each of whom are senior BS candidates in Plastics Engineering.

The scholarships at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte were awarded to Crystal Conde, a sophomore BS candidate in Electrical Engineering; Brian Daniel, a Junior BS candidate in Mechanical Engineering; and Layton Hall, a junior BS candidate in Electrical Engineering.

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A new *Wire and Cable Industry Student Scholarship Fund* was introduced this year. It is jointly sponsored by The Wire and Cable Industry Suppliers Association® (WCISA®), Cable Components Group (CCG), and the International Cable & Connectivity Symposium. “WCISA is proud to announce this new student scholarship program in association with IWCS,” said Rahul Sachdev, Wire & Plastic Machinery Corp., President, WCISA. “The recipients are deserving students attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY and engage in a course of study relevant to the wire and cable industry.” The 2015 student recipients are Steven Lee, Masters, Material Science & Engineering and Benjamin Wright, a senior BS candidate in Chemical Engineering.

WCISA also awards two scholarships every year. One is to graduating high school seniors of member company employees. The second is to employees / interns of WCISA member companies who are enrolled in programs furthering their education within the industry.

Companies or organizations wishing to contribute to the IWCS endowments can contact Pat Hudak at [phudak@iwcs.org](mailto:phudak@iwcs.org).

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### **About Cable Components Group**

Cable Components Group LLC (CCG) is a manufacturer of high performance plastic extruded products for the wire and cable, fiber optic, industrial non-woven and textile, and industrial tubing markets. Celebrating 17 years of operation, CCG was established to design and produce proprietary crosswebs and filler components for manufacturers of data cables, in particular, those made from high performance fluoropolymer materials for Category 6, 6e, and 6A applications. Many of these products are patented and remain part of the CCG core component manufacturing competency.

### **About WCISA®**

WCISA® · Wire and Cable Industry Suppliers Association® is a corporate membership association with over 90 North American suppliers of machinery, materials and accessories used for making all types of wire and cable. Members are based in or have an established subsidiary in North America. WCISA's mission is to promote its members products and services by providing its members with representation, networking/social opportunities and services at wire and cable trade events and conferences all over the world, and it provides a variety of scholarships each year. Visit [www.wcisaonline.org](http://www.wcisaonline.org) for details.

### **About IWCS**

The IWCS International Cable & Connectivity Symposium is the premier venue for new technologies in cable and connectivity products, processes and applications. The IWCS Symposium Committee generates an extremely high caliber program for each year's conference, with over 100 papers and presentations in 20 compelling sessions over three full days. The International Cable & Connectivity Symposium is an opportunity to explore discussions on topical issues, learn about new technologies and network with global industry colleagues.

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