



## **AWA Foundation Fact Sheet**

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation is to advance and empower women in the automotive industry.

### **Vision:**

The vision of the Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation is to help create and sustain a diverse automotive industry optimized by empowered women.

### **Membership:**

AWA Foundation is comprised of over 200 members who meet quarterly to provide interactive opportunities with those who work in the automotive industry, i.e., manufacturers, entrepreneurs, technical specialists, engineers, TIER suppliers, dealerships and others who are connected to affiliated industries. To join visit [www.AWAFoundation.org](http://www.AWAFoundation.org).

### **What We Do:**

AWA Foundation offers:

- Committee Participation
- Leadership Development
- Quarterly Events with Speakers, Panel Presentation and Professional Development Events
- Scholarships
- Sponsorship
- Annual Golf Outing
- Membership
- Marketing (Newsletter, Public Relations, Website)

What Members Enjoy:

- Quarterly Newsletter – “AWAF Up to Speed”
- Educational Events
- Professional Development Seminars
- Access to AutoBeat Group publications (a \$300 value)
- Monthly President’s Letter and Membership Roster (email)
- Executive Advisory Council exposure/involvement
- Scholarship Opportunities

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## **AWA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE LIST**

### **Chairperson Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee Chairperson oversees committee work, provides direction on membership forms and policies, and establishes short and long term goals for new member recruitment and current member retention. The Membership Committee Chairperson or their designee shall keep records on all committee activities. Generally, the requirements for serving as Chairperson of the Membership Committee include AWA membership, experience from governing Boards external to the AWA, and AWA committee service.

### **Chairperson Events Committee**

The Events Committee Chairperson oversees committee work, provides direction on process and policies, establishes goals, administers and establishes the AWA events. The Events Committee Chairperson works closely with the Marketing and Sponsorship Committee's to promote AWA events and create opportunities for media coverage. The Events Committee Chairperson or their designee shall keep records on all committee activities. Generally, the requirements for serving as Chairperson of the Events Committee include AWA membership, experience from governing Boards external to the AWA, and AWA committee service.

### **Chairperson Corporate Sponsorship Committee**

The Corporate Sponsorship Committee Chairperson oversees committee work, provides direction on process and policies, establishes goals, administers and establishes the AWA fundraising efforts. The Corporate Resource Development Committee Chairperson also develops a process for communication among AWA groups and works closely with the Marketing, Events and Mentoring Committees on a capital campaign. The Corporate Sponsorship Committee Chairperson or their designee shall keep records on all committee activities. Generally, the requirements for serving as Chairperson of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee include AWA membership, experience from governing Boards external to the AWA, and AWA committee service.

### **Chairperson Marketing Committee**

The Marketing Committee Chairperson oversees committee work, provides direction on process and policies, establishes goals, administers and establishes marketing for the AWA. The Marketing Committee Chairperson is responsible for overseeing the AWA Newsletter, Website, and Public Relations Subcommittees. The Marketing Committee establishes relationships with key industry media contacts and recommends for board approval the AWA spokesperson. The Marketing Committee Chairperson works closely with the Events Committee to promote AWA events and create opportunities for media coverage. The Marketing Committee recommends AWA styling guidelines, and administers a biannual survey to measure member and non-member satisfaction. The Marketing Committee Chairperson or their designee shall keep records on all committee activities. Generally, the requirements for serving as Chairperson of the Marketing Committee include AWA membership, experience from governing Boards external to the AWA, and AWA committee service.

### **Chairperson Scholarship Committee**

The Scholarship Committee Chairperson oversees committee work, provides direction on process and policies, establishes goals, administers and establishes the AWA scholarship awards. The Committee establishes criteria for selecting applicants, identifies, and encourages students to apply for AWA scholarships. The Committee also follows scholarship winners so the AWA & AWA can discuss their career progress in collateral materials. The Scholarship Committee Chairperson or their designee shall keep records on all committee activities. Generally, the requirements for serving as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee include AWA membership, experience from governing Boards external to the AWA, and AWA committee service.

## **AUTOMOTIVE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - HISTORY**

Scholarships are at the root of our purpose in Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation (AWAF). As an active professional foundation dedicated to supporting the advancement of automotive professionals, AWAF strives to motivate current and future students studying an automotive related field. Scholarships are selected by the Scholarship Committee and awarded quarterly to the individuals that solicit passion and drive for the automotive industry. It is our hope that with these scholarships, we can lessen the burden on students and allow them to focus on gaining knowledge and development in automotive related fields and thus enhance their potential career path and the future of the industry.

Listed below are several students that were awarded scholarships from AWAF in the past. For additional information please refer to the leadership page on our website for the most current Scholarship Chair contacts.

### **AWA Foundation Scholarships from winter 2006 to 2010**

#### **SHANNON CORBY, November 29, 2010, \$2,500**

***Co-Sponsor Scholarship Courtesy of Comcast.*** Shannon is a junior at Northwood University, dual majoring in Automotive Marketing and Business Management. She has been a highly engaged student applying her education knowledge toward working on the 47th Northwood University International Auto Show as an executive board member, Domestic Chair for NUIAS 2010 and co-fundraising chair and was a former team member for the 45th and 46th auto shows. Shannon held internships at Chrysler and Ford dealerships, on the Dean's list for six terms, involved with the emerging leaders program, Selling to Women Certification in 2009, and started the on-campus recycling project, "Go Green." Shannon is from Plymouth, Michigan. AWAF admires her involvement and passion for the industry and looks forward her seeing her career aspirations come to fruition.

#### **ALAYNA THISON, November 29, 2010, \$2,500**

***Co-Sponsor Scholarship Courtesy of Comcast.*** Alayna is a junior at Oakland University, majoring in Human Resource Management. Early on, she had some experience in the health care industry in various administrative and functional assignments. However, when she began her internship for an automotive supplier it is where she Tracy started a connection to this industry; it was when her "check brake light" went on. She got to work and her co-workers used their company's manufactured diagnostic tools and identified the problem and direction for the fix. This opened a door to her understanding of the magnitude of the auto industry and its' career opportunities. Alayna lives in Clinton Township, MI and is a member of the Oakland Student Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management, a volunteer at Church of Christ Center and was the captain of her high school varsity basketball team. AWAF is proud to add her to our esteemed group of scholarship recipients.

#### **SAMANTHA MADONIA, August 17, 2010, \$2,500**

Samantha is a freshman at the University of Northwestern Ohio pursuing degrees in Performance Motorsports and Automotive Management. As a young lady she was inspired by women drag racers like Shirley Muldowney, Melanie Troxel, Hillary Will and rebuilt dragsters with her dad. Samantha's goals include designing and building high quality engines, be a proprietor of her own business and to inspire other women to develop an interest for an automotive industry career. In high school, Samantha was a student member of the Career Technical Advisory Committee which gave her the opportunity to learn from the automotive leaders in her community. She was a member of National Honor Society, student council, the cross country and track teams, and competed in various junior drag racing events. Her community involvement includes volunteering at the local hospital and various charity organizations. Samantha's home is in Hinckley, Ohio.

#### **TRACY OLDER, August 17, 2010, \$2,500**

Tracy enters her freshman year at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. Tracy wants to be on the brink of new technology that will change the next generation of the automotive industry. She uncovered a new interest in the automotive world while working on a high school science project: CO2 emissions filtration system using lithium hydroxide and sodium zeolites. For the past three years, she has continued to study the engineering of a filtration system to emit clean exhaust. She has

won numerous science fair awards, along with academic achievement awards. Her community involvement includes volunteering at a local hospital, participating in fund raiser events, and is the founder of the Junior High Science Fair Mentoring Program in her community. Tracy hails from Fort Madison, Iowa.

**BARBARA AMBERG, August 17, 2010, \$2,500**

Barbara is a graduate student at Eastern Michigan University and nearing her completion of a Master of Science degree in Quality Management. She has worked in quality functions for a major Tier 1 automotive supplier since the early 1990s. She wanted to pursue a higher education to learn the latest principles in Quality Management and to gain fresh skills to promote customer satisfaction through improved product, process quality and leadership. She recently extended her classroom experience to work with a non-profit private school by setting up a cost of quality system applying the COQ principles. She also served over eight years as a scout leader for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. Barbara resides in Fenton, MI with her husband and four children.

**ALEXANDRIA BASHER, March 25, 2010, \$2,500**

In her senior year at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills, Michigan Alexandria carries a 3.8 GPA, has volunteered with the local Jaycee's, the YMCA and various Rochester Community School activities, is a member of National Honor Society and the cheerleading squad. In 2009 she participated in Kettering University's LITE (Lives Improved Through Engineering) program where she gained first hand understanding and application in the mechanical engineering field. She was most intrigued with biochemical, vehicle analysis, occupant safety and energy for a sustainable society. Alex will pursue her higher education in the field of mechanical engineering and received three admittance letters from top universities in the state of Michigan. Wherever she decides to attend, we are proud she becomes a member of the scholarship recipients at AWAFF.

**JENNY KUBINEC, October 20, 2009, \$2,500**

In her senior year at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan, majoring in Industrial Design – Transportation. She carries a 3.8 GPA as a full time student and is tutoring and instructing Continuing Education classes for CSS. Her automotive interests lie with the importance of sustainability, to retain the beauty of the natural materials that is visible in a vehicle. She states, "With the present use of wood, leather and plant fibers, it is essential to embrace what is already made naturally instead of producing toxic materials that imitate nature. The quality and allure of natural material will play a crucial role to creating the most intriguing and genuine automotive interiors to come." She has learned how to effectively research and decipher many processes and materials to demonstrate the green initiatives including the source and recovery process, manufacturing and chemicals used, energy consumption, waste yield, the percentage of recycled or biodegradable components and how recyclable or renewable is the material. Jenny formerly graduated from Assumption College in Windsor with honors and at St. Clair College in Graphic Design. She recently interned with Fisker Automotive in Irvine, California working in Color and Materials, and worked for several years in the industry in graphic and product design before deciding to return to school to pursue her passion in automotive design.

**ANDREA HILDAGO, August 18, 2009, \$2,500**

A mechanical engineering student entering her senior year at SUNY Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York. Andrea demonstrates her passion for the automotive industry by participating in the SAE Baja team since her freshmen year. As part of the powertrain team, she honed her auto mechanic skills by rebuilding engines and refurbishing an inoperable dynamometer. Each year their SAE Baja team has placed in the top three at competitions held in South Dakota, and Montreal, Quebec. Her experience with the Baja team led to two summer internships with General Motors in powertrain automatic transmission engineering and manual transmission development groups in the metro Detroit area. Andrea says she has loved American cars since she was little and it was such a surreal experience to walk every morning into General Motors as an intern. She adds "I don't think I will be happy working anywhere else. This has been my dream and I can't let it slip away." She is a member of Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), and National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). Andrea resides in Elmhurst, New York.

**AMANDA SUTER, August 18, 2009, \$2,500**

The June 2009 Valedictorian from Winlock High School, Winlock, Washington, Amanda also attended Lower Columbia College for the past two years with a GPA of 3.85 majoring in automotive technology. She will receive an Associates degree in Applied Science in August 2009. She has worked part time for a local repair facility, an auto body restoration business, and a restaurant to pay her education and related expenses. Amanda has won countless awards in high school including sports, academics, and community volunteer activities. She will attend Centralia College in September 2009 to pursue a mechanical engineering two year degree which transfers to a four university program. She received many recommendations from her educators and to sum up the words of one of her instructors, "Amanda has shown me throughout high school she is going to be somebody some day. She gives all the effort it takes to be successful." At AWAF and from our sponsor, Johnson Controls, Inc., these are the principles and qualities we strive to cultivate from our candidate selections for a successful career in the automotive industry. Amanda's home is Winlock, WA.

**ANNIKA LYNN SCOTT, March 5, 2009, \$2,500**

An impending 2009 high school graduate at University High School, Ferndale MI, she will attend Tuskegee University, Alabama in the fall 2009 studying mechanical engineering. Annika is a National Honor Society vice president, formerly participated in the DECA organization and Robotics team, and won first place in web design sponsored by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology. She also participated in the Global Trade Mission, a three day event where students from different schools created a product to be globally marketed, researched and presented their findings to a panel of business leaders. She has participated with the organization People to People (originated by President Eisenhower) as a student ambassador at will for the U.S. in Europe, and was an exchange student in Japan under the Detroit Sister Cities program. Annika's career goal is to make advances with battery efficiency in size and capability to run a vehicle of any size and to make more beneficiary developments in the automotive industry.

**KIMBERLY HEWLETT, September 25, 2008, \$2,500**

A second-time AWAF scholarship recipient, Kim has entered her junior year at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit majoring in Industrial Design. She was one of 20 talented students selected from around the globe to work at GM's Global Design intern program this summer as a sculptor. This special opportunity afforded her an experience to work on concept vehicles specifically to meet the projected needs of the emerging markets in 2020. She gained real world application experience in math modeling, milling, working with automotive clay, problem solving, and all the while being interviewed and filmed weekly to document the progress. At the end of the 12 week assignment the vehicle concepts were displayed and concluded with presentations of their work to top executives. Kim said "this experience has confirmed it is exactly what I want to do with my career." Her supervisor commented that it is very rare to find someone as talented as Kim and who has a true desire to apply her talent to the automotive industry.

**BRITTANY VOSHOL, August 19, 2008, \$2,500**

A 2008 Royal Oak High School graduate with a GPA of 4.0 she will attend Michigan Technological University, College of Engineering. Brittany has received numerous awards including 2007 Young Mentor Award for FIRST LEGO league, Safety Star for FIRST robotics; Buckeye regional and championship, MVP marching band. In her community, Brittany has organized bottle drive fund raisers, designed summer LEGO camp activities and mentored FIRST LEGO league teams for several years. Her goal after college, "I would like to have a job as an engineer that allows me to make a difference from safer cars to recyclable materials, to alternative energy." Brittany resides in Royal Oak, MI.

**MONICA DENNIS, August 19, 2008, \$1,000**

A senior at Kettering University, graduating in December 2008 with a dual degree in industrial and mechanical engineering. Monica was a past AWAF scholarship recipient (August 2006) and it is our distinct pleasure to select her again. At Kettering University, she served as a resident advisor for three years, selected the president of SWE two consecutive years, president of the student alumni council and is the current Student Ambassador for Kettering University. As a co-founder/mentor of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics team and a participant since 2005, the team won the Xerox Creativity Award at the Detroit regional event. In the summer of 2007, Monica studied at the Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia. She has interned at General Motors Powertrain Transmissions in Toledo, Ohio since October 2004 gaining valuable automotive plant operations experience. Upon completing her education, Monica will begin working full-time with General Motors, Toledo, OH and relocate from her home in Clarkston, MI.

**LAUREN EDGERTON, August 19, 2008, \$1,000**

Lauren enters Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Engineering as a freshman in the fall of 2008. She chose home-schooling beginning in the tenth grade and enrolled in undergraduate courses at Richard Bland College of William and Mary Virginia. A professor writes, "In addition to her academic ability, Lauren has the best extracurricular preparation for her major of any student I have had in my twenty-nine years of teaching mathematics, physics and computer science." Lauren is an avid automotive enthusiast winning the Hard Charger Award (driver competing the most passes) at Langley Speedway in 2007, first place win at Southside Speedway, August 2007, and is currently rebuilding two Chevy Cavaliers for race events. She plans to pursue a career in the automotive or motor sports industry utilizing her mechanical engineering education and experience. Lauren resides in Petersburg, VA.

**CATHERINE SMITH, June 5, 2008, \$2,500**

Catherine Smith is attending Oakland University with an expected graduation date of December 2008 and a GPA of 3.67. Her degree program is Human Resources with a minor in labor relations and she hopes to continue working in the automotive industry after graduation. She has worked at Detroit Diesel in Detroit, MI since January 2008 and was previously employed at DTE Energy in Detroit, MI for 2 semesters. She spends her free time with her husband Steve and new daughter Sadie as well as traveling and shopping. It is her goal to contribute to advancement and success of both business and people simultaneously.

**CANDACE CHAMBERLAIN, January 15, 2008**

Candace Chamberlain is pursuing an MBA – Management Information Systems at East Carolina University. She chose to continue her education after observing a common challenge facing automotive service; how do we effectively reach our younger GEN X and GEN Y service customers. The ability to quickly adapt to and incorporate new technologies into our current business models will be vital for maintaining product relevance. She is works as a District Parts and Service Manager with American Honda Motor Co., Inc., and belongs to the Executive Women's Golf Association Raleigh/Durham Triangle Chapter. AWAf congratulates Candace, our 49th recipient.

**LAUREL BISBY, September 25, 2007**

Laurel has a bachelor of science in Industrial Technology Management from Berea College in Berea Kentucky. In her undergraduate studies she gained skills such as the ability to MIG, arc and gas weld, operate metal and wood working machines, computer aided drafting, graphic designing, and gained knowledge of production processes. Her work experience included being a teaching assistant in the metals and power lab at Berea College and most recently an automotive technician at Sears Automotive. Currently, Laurel is enrolled at Utah Valley State College in the Auto Collision program with an emphasis in Street Rods. She has a 3.58 GPA and plans to graduate in May 2009. Laurel plans to one day own her own collision shop and encourage females to join the automotive field.

**KIMBERLY HEWLETT, August 13, 2007**

Kimberly is attending the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and is currently a sophomore student with an expected graduation date in 2009. She has a 3.2 GPA in her Industrial Design Program. Johnson Controls Inc. was impressed with her designs and sketches from her portfolio and chose to sponsor this scholarship at the AWAf Annual Golf Outing. Kimberly has enjoyed drawing since she was as young as preschool and has since then gained skills in Photoshop, Illustrator, Rhinoceros 3-D Modeling, Sketching, Rendering, and Model making. Her work has been displayed at the Detroit Public Library Student Show, the Wayne State Community College Student Exhibition, and the DTE Energy Show. Kimberly was president of the National Art Honor Society at Cass Tech High School in 2005. She has also received scholarships in the past for both academic merit and artistic excellence.

**JESSICA MCINTEE-CHMIELEWSKI, August 13, 2007**

Jessica is attending Northwood University with an expected graduation date of May 2009 and a GPA of 3.549. Her degree program is Aftermarket Management and she is interested in working for a company that produces or designs aftermarket automotive accessories. She has worked at AutoZone in Midland, MI since 2005 which puts her at the forefront of the automotive service industry. She spends her free time working on her 1988 K-5 Blazer, mud bogging, and attending classic car shows. She has also participated in the People to People Student Ambassadors and traveled to Australia for one summer and the British Isles during another summer. It is her goal to contribute to advancement in automotive aftermarket technology and to become a role model for females in the automotive industry.

**KETTERING UNIVERSITY CAMP LITE PROGRAM, June 14, 2007**

Kettering University's LITE program is a 2-week residential summer program available to high school girls from around the country. The program exposes girls to the various aspects of bioengineering through classes, labs, field trips and other activities. They visit a crash lab, proving grounds, look at the bio-medical aspects of car safety and, in general, learn the myriad possibilities open to an "engineer". The girls are taught by female faculty, mentored by female students, are spoken to by professionals at workshops and seminars. AWA felt that this program meshed with the value AWA places on supporting and mentoring women in what is often still a man's world. The \$2500 Program Scholarship will be divided into five scholarships to pay the \$500 LITE program fee for five girls to attend this summer. AWA is very happy to be involved with this worthwhile program!

**JACLYN STUDOR, June 14, 2007**

Jaclyn is attending Northwood University with an expected graduation date of May 2009 with a 3.29 GPA. She is working on her degree program in Automotive Aftermarket Management. She grew up around her father's family business, a Nissan dealership, and has since had an automotive interest. Jaclyn has held several dealership positions but ultimately she would like to work for an aftermarket company, or possibly an automotive manufacturer. Jaclyn has also received honors in her participation on a women's golf team. She was part of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee in 2005 & 2006. In 2007, she volunteered in the Big Brothers Big Sister's program. During the auto shows from 2005-2007 she has participated as a team member and co-captain for Team Maybach.

**CHRISTINE DONAHUE, March 13, 2007**

Christine Donahue is a freshman at Michigan in the engineering school, where she currently has a 3.7 GPA. She became interested in engineering in high school when she attended a summer camp at Michigan Tech specifically for women interested in engineering. Each day was spent on a different type of engineering and it sparked her interest. She is concerned with protecting the environment and her particular interest now is using mobility engineering to advance the field of environmentally safe vehicles. She is also interested in applying mobility engineering to ships and planes. She has been active in Girl Scouts and has worked for a vet and as a lifeguard.

**REBECCA WALEWSKI, March 13, 2007**

Rebecca Walewski is a 3rd generation auto worker. Her grandfather, her father and she all worked on the line. She is not only the first woman in her family to go to college; she is the first person in her entire family to further her education. She went back to school and got her BA in 2006 while working full time and graduated with a GPA of 3.2. and then decided, why stop there? She is currently attending Eastern Michigan University to get her MBA in human resources and has a 3.8 GPA. She is doing a part-time internship at Tower Automotive, where she works in HR and is excited to be at "headquarters" instead of on the line. She intends to stay in automotive industry, using her education to change policies and procedures and some of the archaic practices.

**BRITTANY MURTY, January 11, 2007**

Brittany Murty is a junior at Kettering University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on Plastic Product Design. She developed an interest in engineering in high school when she participated in a pre-engineering program designed for women. This interest was fostered by her father who encouraged her to take apart many different machines and household appliances at home in New York. In addition to her engineering classes at Kettering, Brittany is taking a few bio-engineering and crash-reconstruction classes, and is fascinated by all the applications for polymers in a vehicle and in emerging fields related to vehicle safety. Her coop employer is Ticona, where she has worked in the design group and the test lab. She also volunteers with the LITE group at Kettering (the summer program designed to expose girls to engineering to which AWA also gave a scholarship last year), is President of the Society of Women Engineers, an Initiate in the Robot Society and in a number of honor societies.

**AMY EWING, January 11, 2007**

Amy Ewing is a graduate student at the University of Michigan, working toward an M.S.E. in biomedical engineering with a concentration in biomechanics. She also did her undergraduate work at Michigan—graduating with a 3.9 GPA—and will obtain her M.S.E. in May of 2007. Much of the work she did as an intern at GM's Vehicle Safety and Crashworthiness Integration Department in Warren involved analyzing test dummy data and kinematics to determine vehicle interior contacts for specific vehicle crashes. This information was then used to assess proposed design changes to the interior of the vehicle. Amy also worked for an accident reconstruction company reconstructing vehicle crashes. Amy's special interest at school has been safety engineering and the junction of biomechanics and vehicle design. Outside of class, Amy is a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society and the Society of Women Engineers. She has also mentored female freshman engineering students and is active in her church.

**MELINDA SAXTON, September 12, 2006**

Melinda is a freshman at Michigan Tech majoring in mechanical engineering. Melinda discovered mechanical engineering in high school in Houghton when she attended a Women in Engineering Workshop at Michigan Tech. She continued to devote time and energy to Women in Engineering, attending additional workshops and earning a Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit. She is also a 4-H grand champion in the Sheep category! Melinda views engineering as a career for a lifetime, as the continual evolution of technology presents continual opportunities to learn. After graduation, she would like to work for an automotive or off-road company.

**RE'NISHA WHITE, September 12, 2006**

Re'Nisha is a senior at Kettering with a 94.61 WAG, equivalent to a 4.0. Her major is industrial engineering, and her undergraduate thesis will be on productivity improvement at Delphi Saginaw Steering where she had done her co-ops. She would like to then pursue a dual master's in science in industrial engineering and an MBA. One of Re'Nisha's particular interests, and a focus of her study, is human factors in manufacturing jobs. Re'Nisha has been on the Dean's List all four years at Kettering and is a member of numerous honor societies, including Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Alpha Pi Mu Industrial Engineers' Honor Society and National Society of Black Engineers, where she has served as publications chair for the past three years. She also pursues numerous civic activities in the Flint area. After graduation, Re'Nisha would like to gain broader experience in the engineering field by working for a different company and pursue her personal dream of establishing a non-profit corporation to mentor high school girls who are interested in engineering.

**KATIE HYRILA, August 14, 2006, \$2,500**

Katie Hyrila has just graduated from high school and will be attending Kettering as a freshman in the fall. She began her co-op this summer and will start classes in October majoring in electrical engineering. At a young age Katie demonstrated her interest in cars by purchasing and fixing up a gas-powered remote control car. She took engineering classes in high school and led a team in the SAE competition. Although they didn't win, they learned a lot of valuable teamwork skills.

**LAUREN GRIFFIN, August 14, 2006, \$2,500**

Lauren Griffin is a junior at Central Michigan University majoring in industrial technology management with a concentration in mechanical design technologies. She has spent the summer interning in the IT department at Yazaki. In addition to other achievements, she designed a wire harness. She is proficient in a number of computer-aided drafting programs. As judges we were impressed with her interest in international automotive operations. She participated in a study abroad program in Russia, where she had the opportunity to observe manufacturing and safety practices in Russian automotive factories and a crystal factory. She has twice-over made the Dean's list.

**MONICA DENIS, August 14, 2006, \$2,500**

Monica Denis was selected by Johnson Controls, who sponsored her scholarship through the AWA. Monica is a junior at Kettering majoring in mechanical and industrial engineering. She has excelled academically in addition to being involved in several extracurricular activities. She serves as a coach/mentor for robotics teams and is the president of the Society of Women Engineers at Kettering. She also displays an awareness that the automotive world is now global, and traveled to Australia on an internship. Her achievements are particularly impressive as she is independently financing her education.

**AUDRALEIGH DUNCAN, April 13, 2006, \$2,500**

Audraleigh Duncan is a freshman in mechanical engineering at Kettering University who just completed her first co-op at Borg Warner. She has a long-standing love for cars, as proven by her high school jobs and hobbies. During high school, Audraleigh worked at Bell's Auto Care doing inspections, brakes, oil changes and part replacements. She also completed an internship working on a complete body restoration on a 1965 Ford Mustang. Audraleigh is excited about Kettering, co-ops and the industry as a whole.

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**NICOLE PAPARELLA, January 17, 2006, \$2,500**

Nicole Paparella has recently transferred to Northwood University for her BA and has flung herself into the world of automotive marketing and business studies. She is pursuing a triple major in Automotive Marketing, Banking & Finance, and Business Management. In addition, she has already worked on the Porsche team at the 2005 Northwood University International Auto Show and during Press Week at the North American International Auto Show in January. Nicole made the Dean's list during her first semester at Northwood, and we wish her continued success with her studies.

**TANYA KAPOOR, January 17, 2006, \$2,500**

Tanya Kapoor is working toward her PhD in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Windsor. Her particular focus is the investigation of head and neck injury criteria of small children, and development of a head neck restraining device to mitigate the effects of an automobile crash on such children. She already has numerous presentations and publications on the subject, and we are very pleased to support her in this worthwhile research.



### **AWA Foundation President – Kim Ziomek**

**Kimberly (Kim) A. Ziomek**, is formerly Director – New Business Development at RDA Group, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In that role, Kim was responsible for global strategic growth and brand enhancement of RDA Group. RDA Group, Inc. was founded in 1969 as a full-service market research company, primarily supporting the research needs of the automotive industry. RDA Group is dedicated to providing 'best in class' results-oriented market research and insightful analysis to our clients worldwide by partnering with them to understand their business, offering innovative and customized client-focused service, demonstrating an obsession for quality, and fully utilizing our employees' talents and passion for excellence.

Prior to that, she was with the PolkRoadtoData AG team, as Director, Automotive/OEM Information – North America and a member of the Client Services Team. In this role, Kim was responsible for the Ford Motor Company contract project management and the Ford relationship to build and support contract value. In this role, she also promoted and enhanced the International and North American business opportunities for PolkRoadtoData AG.

Kim was formerly with JATO Dynamics, Inc. Ford Global Account Manager. In that capacity, she coordinated and managed the Ford global account. She has also worked with Robert Bosch Corporation as Manager, Liaison Office External Affairs. She was responsible for overseeing and coordinating internal and external marketing of Robert Bosch Corporation as it relates to rationalizing Bosch policy and procedures concerning charitable contributions, professional memberships (corporate, individual and trade) as well as identifying government constituencies that pertain to Bosch. Ziomek also created policy and procedures for customer relationships, interfaces and venues directed at reducing costs and increased leverage for a more positive Bosch presence and posture.

Before assuming her Bosch role in July 2001, Ziomek was responsible for Sales and marketing of the \$75 million Ford Motor Company account for Borg Warner Cooling System (BWCS) (formerly Eaton Fluid Power Division) products. These products include engine cooling fans and viscous clutch units. Ziomek is credited with Ford awarding BWCS breakthrough engine cooling clutch technology for the "F series" truck line. Prior to Borg Warner, Kim has had the opportunity to work with OEM suppliers such as: Eaton, Siemens, TRW, Takata/Irvin and Alps Automotive during her 20-year tenure career in automotive.

Ziomek is also currently the President of Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation, a non-profit, volunteer organization. As President, she provides leadership to enable the organizations effectiveness, counsel to the board's direction and aligns the board to the AWA executive advisory council input. Kim also oversees the annual golf outing team efforts, which is the organizations major fundraiser.

Ziomek has a Masters of Business & Administration, Lawrence Technological University and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Oakland University with a Major in Marketing including two years of Electrical Engineering. She also attended Schoolcraft College while maintaining her senior year high school curriculum. Her C-suite contacts and her ability to dialogue on "dual ladder" i.e. technical and commercial is due to her diverse background and participation in many professional organizations.

Kim is especially active in the following professional activities and organizations. Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation; Convergence: biennial Conference on International Congress on Transportation Electronics; Marketing & Sales Executives of Detroit – 2009 Executive Leadership Award Gala Lead, Society of Automotive Engineers - Detroit Section; Clinton Valley Council Boy Scouts – Annual Rally for the Scouts and in 2000, she was awarded one of Automotive News - Top 100 Leading Women in Automotive Industry Award

Outside interests include: Travel, golf, boating, figure skating, mentoring, certified Career Coach, scuba diving and water skiing. Kim resides in West Bloomfield, MI and enjoys her two cats and lake living.



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