



Winners Announced for the 2014 Illinois Technology Foundation *Fifty for the Future*®

50 College and 10 High School Students from Illinois recognized as technology industries' best and brightest students

March 10, 2015 | CHICAGO – The Illinois Technology Foundation (ITF), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fueling the technology workforce in Illinois, announced the top 60 Illinois technology students for 2014. The program, in its 8th year, recognizes 50 college students and 10 high school students from around the state.

The formal recognition program was held at Robert Morris University on March 10, 2015. In addition to the recognition, each student and their nominating faculty receive a \$1,000 scholarship to apply to training at [Directions Training](#).

Please join us in congratulating this year's Awardees.

Student	School
Michael Abreu	Northeastern Illinois University
Moshood Adeyemo	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Virupaksh Agrawal	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Khandkar Amin	Oakton Community College
Joseph Benassi	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Briana Bienkowski	Governors State University
Ivan Brugere	University of Illinois at Chicago
Michelle Campana	Lewis University
Kevin Chang	James B. Conant High School
Zhiyuan Chen	University of Illinois at Chicago
Darren Cooper	Moraine Valley Community College
Qassam Diab	Moraine Valley Community College
Robert Donovan	Governors State University
Jennifer Elenteny-Mejia	Governors State University
Xochitl Esparza	Benito Juarez Community Academy
Alicja Fisher	Lane Tech College Prep
Juan Flores	Harper College
Emilio Garcia	Northside College Preparatory High School
Nick Green	University of Illinois at Chicago
Mark Hoffmann	Augustana College
Hunter Huynh	Northside College Preparatory High School

Aid Idrizovic	Loyola University Chicago
Nishana Ismail	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Sameer Ismail	Oakton Community College
Joseph Joseph	Governors State University
Saradha Kannan	Lewis University
Adrian Kardasz	Western Illinois University
Danelle Kent	Northwestern University
David Lapello	Robert Morris University
Thao Le	Lewis University
James Lennen	Robert Morris University
Andres Marroquin	DeVry University
Isaac Moldofsky	Niles West
Erik Moncayo	Robert Morris University
Michael Morrow	Heartland Community College
Jay Mulakala	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Rachana Mysore Krishna Murthy	Governors State University
August Nagro	Illinois Math and Science Academy
Muhammad Naveed	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Bridget Nee	Moraine Valley Community College
Abraham Orocio	Robert Morris University
Ari Perlmutter	Northside College Preparatory High School
Filip Pietruszka	Robert Morris University
Jim Potulny	Governors State University
Hersey Richardson	Robert Morris University
Michael Robbins	New Trier Township High School
Manuel Robles	Saint Xavier University
Ivette Rodriguez	George Westinghouse College Prep High School
Anthony Sawah	Robert Morris University
Jonathan Schram	Benedictine University
Jacob Self	Augustana College
Riaz Shaikh	Oakton Community College
Chamma Sharma	Governors State University
Orlando Sirbas	Northwestern University
Mateusz Topor	Governors State University
Mario Vankinscott	Morris Graduate School of Management
Mercedes Vazquez	Wilbur Wright College
Victoria Vodicka	Lewis University
Christopher Wrenn	Northwestern University
Hanze Ying	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign



The annual event, *Fifty for the Future*®, continues to build awareness of the talent of tomorrow for the Illinois' technology ecosystem. ITF is proud to carry on the tradition of highlighting and supporting the future workforce of Illinois.

About the Illinois Technology Foundation

The Illinois Technology Foundation, a not for profit 501 (c) (3), is the Premier organization focused on the transition of technology students to the workplace.

The Foundation is focused in three strategic areas providing the conduit/glue that brings students, faculty and employers together to match the talent with the available opportunities.

Through our *Fifty for the Future*® recognition event, the Student Technology Club, and our Educator Series, we are committed to retaining our technology talent in Illinois.

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