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Genesee Community College Introduces Technology Opportunity Pathway (TOP) Scholars

BATAVIA, New York – A group of students who completed in the fall 2004 semester at Genesee Community College are beginning the spring 2005 semester with scholarships funded by the National Science Foundation, Computer Science, Engineering, Math Scholarship (CSEMS) grant. These students come from 20 local communities, including eight from Batavia, two from Akron, Albion, Dansville and Holley, and one each from Corfu, Churchville, Arkport, Darien Center, Oakfield, Caledonia, Avon, Hilton, Holland, North Chili, Castile, Attica, Spencerport, Warsaw and Alexander. They are studying in technology programs including Computer Information Systems (CIS), Computer Systems & Networking (CSN), Drafting, Engineering Science, Multimedia, Liberal Arts Math & Science, and Individualized Studies with a focus on technology.

The grant provides four years of funding to benefit students in technology programs. TOP scholars must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours, maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better, qualify for financial assistance (FAFSA), and present letters of recommendation from faculty in the program. In order to meet the TOP program goals, students will have faculty mentors and opportunities for job shadowing and internships. Referrals to the College's student support services will be made to ensure success in their academic technology program, continuation to a baccalaureate program, or entry into the job market upon graduation.

In fall 2005, TOP will continue to serve students enrolled in programs at the College and recruit new students to the program. The same requirements will be followed with consideration of high school grades and letters of recommendations from high school faculty. Adult students wishing to make a career change or upgrade their skills in a technology field are encouraged to apply. Go to www.genesee.edu and look to the link for scholarship information or call 585-345-6800 or 1-866-CALL-GCC.

Last Name	First Name	Major	City/Residence
Alexander	Amanda	Engineering Science	Corfu
Braun	Randy	Computer Information Systems	Dansville
Bryan	Julian	Computer Information Systems	Batavia
Campbell	Daniel	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Churchville
Carwardine	Michael	Multimedia	Arkport
Cavanaugh	Jennifer	Liberal Arts Math & Science	Batavia
Clark	Ryan	Computer Information Systems	Darien Center
Conrad	Christie	Computer Information Systems	Batavia
Dixson	Michael	Liberal Arts Math & Science	Oakfield
Dolan	Jacob	Computer Information Systems	Holley
Dolby	Wesley	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Caledonia
Dorazio	Todd	Engineering Science	Batavia
Fuller	Andrew	Computer Information Systems	Dansville
Gleason	Daniel	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Albion
Koss	Debra	Individualized Studies	Akron
Kucinkas	Apryl	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Avon
Ludwig	Joshua	Computer Information Systems	Akron
Mapes	Adam	Computer Information Systems	Albion
Marks	Jesse	Computer Information Systems	Hilton
Patterson	Michael	Liberal Arts Math & Science	Holley
Sarkis	Anthony	Computer Systems & Network Technology	North Chili
Smathers	Edward	Drafting Certificate	Castile
Smith	Craig	Drafting	Batavia
Smith	Nicholas	Engineering Science	Batavia
Smith	Timothy	Engineering Science	Holland
Sweet	Torrey	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Warsaw
Takach	Matthew	Drafting	Attica
Tanaskoski	Ivan	Drafting	Spencerport
Taylor	Kareem	Liberal Arts Math & Science	Batavia
White	Scott	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Alexander
Wyse	Michael	Computer Systems & Network Technology	Batavia

A group photograph of the TOP Scholars taken at their first orientation meeting is located at http://marketing.genesee.edu/images/tops_photo.JPG.

Sitting in the first row left to right is: Michael Wyse, Michael Carwardine, Dan Gleason, Christie Conrad, Adam Mapes, Scott White, and Torrey Sweet. *Second row, left to right:* Jesse Marks, Apryl Kucinkas, Edward Smathers, Kareem Taylor, Timothy Smith, Nicholas Smith, Jacob Dolan and Matt Takach. *Row three, left to right:* Wes Dolby, Michael Dixson, Amanda Alexander, Daniel Campbell, Jennifer Cavanaugh, Michael Patterson, Josh Ludwig and Todd Dorazio.

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