



Eastport Yacht Club Foundation

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MARINE & MARITIME SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Awarded in June 2015 for the 2015-16 School Year

Congratulations to this year's EYC Foundation, Marine & Maritime Scholarships winners!

In June, the EYC Foundation Board of Directors awarded six scholarships -- four of the scholarships were awarded to past recipients and two went to recent high school graduates. An important part of the EYC Foundation mission is to raise awareness of marine and maritime career pathways and to provide financial support to high school graduates in pursuing that goal. The scholarships are provided directly to the schools in support of tuition.

Meet our winners below and read about their impressive credentials and commitment in pursuit of a marine or maritime career.

Michael Atwell: (Arnold, MD - 2014 Scholarship Winner) Great Lakes Maritime Academy/Northwestern Michigan College - Deck Officer Program, BS in Marine Transportation, complete licensing requirements for unlimited tonnage vessels. After high school, Michael earned his USCG Masters 100T license and began to captain passenger vessels in the Chesapeake Bay region. In addition, he also managed and raced on competitive long distance sailboats. His past experience includes yard work at Sarles Boat Yard. Michael shared his progress over the years with the EYC Foundation Board through email updates, pictures and a formal presentation.

More About Michael: "I realized after about three years my long term career goals were to captain much larger vessels." Two years into his Great Lakes Maritime Program, he received the following recommendation regarding his work aboard the Training Ship, State of Michigan: "As a Cadet Watch Captain assisting with the arrival of our incoming class and delivery of the two classes taught aboard the ship, Survival at Sea and Introduction to Marine Engineering. Mr. Atwell organized the cadet body, set daily watches around the clock, directing shipboard activities and provided the leadership incoming cadets require aboard ship. He leads by example and sets the bar high. In the 15 years I have been working with upperclassman aboard the Training Ship during pre-fall, I have never had a more enthusiastic and competent deck cadet."

Ryan Beveridge: (Forest Hill, MD – 2014 Scholarship Winner) University of Maryland, College Park, Clark School of Engineering. Major: Civil Engineering, Water Resources/Environmental Track; Minor in Sustainability. Ryan continues with JWorld Annapolis as both a student and a teacher; he joined the UMD Club Sailing Team and volunteered to run the EYC Foundation booth at the 2015 Marine & Maritime Career Fair.

More About Ryan: While working at JWorld, his boss introduced him to a team of engineers who had just graduated from college. "Those engineers had just started a

project where they created a prototype of an autonomous sailboat powered only by solar panels and the wind. The goal was to change the way we ship things across the world and to limit the dependence on fossil fuels. This small group of guys just a couple years older than I had managed to combine my passion for the environment with a love of the sea and all with engineering degrees that had seemingly nothing to do with the marine industry. It was the coolest thing I had seen in a very long time. But more importantly it got me excited. Excited to be an engineer and excited by all the things I could do on the water after college. My experience with those engineers and their project solidified my desire to become an engineer so one day I could create things as brilliant as that autonomous sailboat.”

Ty Davidson: (Newcomb, MD – 2013 Scholarship Winner) Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Bachelors of Science in Marine Transportation (June 2016)/USCG 3rd Mates License Unlimited Tonnage/Any Oceans. Ty’s work experience includes the Baltimore Harbor Maritime Industry Internship, J Ray McDermott and many years with the family business as a mate on a 42ft charter fishing/crabbing boat in the Chesapeake Bay. Ty shared his progress over the years with the EYC Foundation Board through email updates, pictures and a formal presentation.

More About Ty: Ty enthusiastically embraces his mentors and the hands-on work experience as a Bay Pilot intern making a round trip between Baltimore to Norfolk as well as 53 days on a McDermott crane ship, the Derrick Barge 50 (DB50). During his Bay experience, he connected with the 32 year old Captain who had graduated ten years earlier from Mass Maritime. “We took a massive Wallenius Wilhelmsen RO-RO down the bay and stayed the night at the pilot house in Norfolk. The next night at around 9 pm we boarded a 600 ft. Maersk containership to take to Baltimore. Boarding the vessel via the Jacobs’s ladder in a 7 ft. sea was by far one of the scariest things I have done in my life. For 11 hours Capt. Cole conned the ship up the bay knowing every buoy and every new course to steer without ever looking at any electronics, never second guessing himself. It was then when I realized to myself that this is what I want to do. I want to become as good and confident on the bridge of a ship as he was and hopefully one day become a bay pilot.” Ty sees multiple career options including: the oil and gas industry, tug boat companies, shipping company or union on big ships as well as having the goal of getting into the Maryland Pilots Association! “I can’t wait to graduate and see which path I take in the great industry.”

Lucas Karhoff: (Findlay, Ohio – 2014 Scholarship Winner, 2015 EYCF Scholarship **Endowed in Honor of Stephen Voorhis**). Great Lakes Maritime Academy/Northwestern Michigan College; Bachelor of Science in the Study of Technology For Engineer Marine & Business ; prior Owens State Community College. Lucas is active in the Student Propeller Club, Port 150, providing the opportunity for maritime industry networking both on-campus and off-campus; he has previous work experience with Arnold Ferry Line as crew and in maintenance. Lucas shares his updates with the EYC Foundation Board via email and YouTube.

More About Lucas: Lucas credits his hands-on experience with providing clarity in his career choice. From a young boy who passionately watched the freighters on Lake Michigan and Lake Erie with the "Know Your Ships" as a handy reference book, his experiences have given him a background to connect with the engineering side of the maritime industry. His hands-on experiences included: maintaining heavy equipment owned by his family and working at a commercial/industrial contracting business (friend's father) during high school. "At this job, I was involved in installing the following at major factories conveyer belts, robots, programming CNC and mills that machine specific parts. Sometimes at this job we would use new equipment but a lot of the time we rebuilt and reused a lot of things, doing this gave me a lot of experience in maritime engineering related fields. This job definitely influenced my decision on whether or not I wanted to attend the Great Lakes Maritime Academy as an Engineer because if I had not had the hands-on experience I would have never known what I wanted to do."

Alex Roberson: (Annapolis, MD - 2015 Annapolis High School graduate). Florida Southern College - Marine Biology (Danforth Scholarship). Alex's experience includes Soccer Varsity Letter; Baltimore Aquarium Internship in 2014 working 100 plus hours as an exhibit guide and a speaker on environmental issues; earned his Dive Certification at age 13 with passion and commitment directed toward a marine career and spent years exploring the Chesapeake Bay on family boats.

Desirae Marie Williams: (Baltimore, MD - 2015 Sparrows Point High School graduate) Coastal Carolina University (SC) - Marine Sciences. Desirae served as one of eight Chincoteague Bay Field Station Interns in 2014 where she developed research as a student in the field, served as a classroom instructor on intertidal zones, taught ages 5-70 about the ecosystems and animals that reside along the coast of Virginia & completed a college level class on oceanography. Desirae is also a Civil Air Patrol cadet.