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Dam Safety Scholarship Winners Announced

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The Association of State Dam Safety Officials is pleased to announce the winners of the 2003-2004 ASDSO Dam Safety Scholarships. This is the first year ASDSO has awarded three scholarships; it is also the first year in which only senior undergraduates have been eligible, and that all winners have been women.

All three of this year's recipients are Civil Engineering majors. They were chosen from over 25 well-qualified applicants representing universities across the United States, and each will receive \$1,600 for educational expenses incurred in the 2003-2004 school year.

Karen Annette Jackson attends Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN, where she is a member of the student chapter of the ASCE, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, the Society of Women Engineers, and the Ecology and Publicity Committees of the Honors Program. Ms. Jackson is interested in dam design and maintenance, and has worked as a summer engineering intern at Robert G. Campbell and Associates, Knoxville, TN.

Kelechi N. Uzochukwu has been a teaching assistant in AutoCAD for the Engineering Department of North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC. Other work experiences include mapping for Guilford County GIS and database management for General Electric Power Systems/INROADS Atlanta, Inc. She is actively involved in community service, volunteering for the Augusta Task Force for the Homeless, the Golden Harvest Food Bank, and Hands-on-Atlanta Community Service Day. Ms. Uzochukwu holds memberships in the National Society of Black Engineers, ASCE, the Society of Women Engineers, and Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society.

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Amy Dandola attends the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA where she is a teaching assistant in the Physics Department. Her extracurricular activities include playing clarinet in the MIT Concert Band, providing academic assistance to freshmen through the MIT Experimental Study Group, and serving as an officer in McCormick Hall House Government. She is a member of ASDSO, ASCE, and the Society of Women Engineers.

“We really appreciate all the students and faculty advisors who participated in this year’s program,” said John H. Moyle, P.E., head of the dam safety program in New Jersey and chairman of ASDSO’s Scholarship Committee. "Selecting this year’s winners was a real challenge for the Scholarship Committee. A number of applicants have strong academic qualifications and have assumed diverse leadership roles in their college careers. The dam safety field needs young engineers of such high caliber as these recipients. I hope they will soon join us as colleagues and as active ASDSO members."

The ASDSO Scholarship Program was established in 1992 to award excellence in the study of civil engineering and related fields, and to make students more aware of dam safety as a career opportunity. Each year, ASDSO awards up to \$5,000 to outstanding students who plan a career related to the design, construction and operation of dams.

Applications for the 2004-2005 Dam Safety Scholarships will be available at ASDSO’s Web site, www.damsafety.org, in late Fall 2003.

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