

MICHIGAN

AFFILIATE AWARD

On Friday, March 22, 2013, Michigan celebrated its first annual NCWIT Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing event at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was held in conjunction with the Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing (MICWIC) conference. Over 135 people attended the Awards dinner, including individuals from both industry and academia! Fifteen inspiring young women were recognized for their many computing-related achievements and interests. Shannon Houtrouw, a teacher at the Kalamazoo Area Math Science Center, received the Aspirations in Computing Educator Award for his outstanding work for inspiring and supporting his students. Rane Johnson-Stempson, a Principal Research Director at Microsoft, gave a motivational keynote address titled, "Solving World Problems with Computer Science." The talk gave many of the Awardees perspective on the vast impact they can make with a career in computing. Among this group of talented Award recipients was a young woman whose goal it is to work for the National Security Agency to help combat cyber-terrorism and a young woman who aspires to work with medical technology so that she can create a computer that will sift through massive amounts of data in order to diagnose symptoms correctly.

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“One of the girls is only a freshman in high school. She was wonderful — went to every session in the Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing (MICWIC) conference, woke up early, and attended day two sessions. Very enthused!”

~ Aspirations Award
Local Coordinator



**Geographic
region
covered**

All of Michigan



**Number of years
Affiliate Award
held in this region**

1



**Number of
2013 Awardees**

25



**Number of
2013 volunteers**

26

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Michigan State University

The College of Engineering at Michigan State University will offer two scholarships of \$1,000 each to Aspirations Award Winners successfully enrolled in MSU and majoring in Computer Science.

LOCAL COORINATORS

- Laura Dillon, Michigan State University
- Linda Ott, Michigan Technology University
- Teresa Isela Vandersloot, Michigan State University

LOCAL SUPPORT

- Michigan Celebration of Women in Computing (MICWIC)
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Technological University
- TechSmith

LOCAL WEBSITE

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