

MINNESOTA

AFFILIATE AWARD

The mantra of the first annual Minnesota Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing was, "Despite the late season blizzard, the show must go on!" The Awards celebration, hosted by Unisys Corporation in Eagan, Minnesota, brought together representatives from the Minnesota IT community to honor eleven Award recipients. Faith Rothberg, CEO of CollegeRecruiter.com, emceed the Awards celebration. Scott Vogel, Vice President and General Manager of North America Business Development for Unisys; Sarah Aladetan, a National Award Winner; and Kirsi Kuuti, an Affiliate Award Winner, all gave remarks. Nzisa Kiilu, UX Project Manager of BI Worldwide, gave an inspiring "Say Yes!" keynote address while Barb Schmitt, Senior Engagement Manager of Microsoft, and Andrea Atkinson, Support Practice Manager of Microsoft, presented the awards. Each of the Winners were also presented with an opportunity to job shadow female technologists from two local businesses. The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) Women Leading in Technology (WLiT) group coordinated this enriching experience. Kristi Dorn, Corporate Communications Manager of Help/Systems, presented a paid summer internship to National Award Winner Sarah Aladetan. Through the generous financial support of Maverick Software Consulting, TECHdotMN developed a video for inspiring young women to apply for the Award and for businesses to support the effort for years to come.

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“When I applied for the summer NASA internship at the Glenn Research Center, there was no second-guessing that I had a chance and could handle it. This was a result of the accumulation of my work with robotics, previous internships, and certainly receiving this Award.”

~ Aspirations
Award Recipient



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- Great Clips
- Genesys Works
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- IT Discovery Network
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- Nina Hale
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- Symantec
- Tech IT Out! MN
- TECHdotMN
- Thomson Reuters
- Twin Cities Chapter of the Association for Women in Computing
- Unisys Corporation
- Women Leading in Technology

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Minnesota State Colleges and University (MnSCU)

Six of the eleven Award Winners were offered a \$500 scholarship, should they choose to attend a MnSCU school. The national level award winner was eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

LOCAL COORINATORS

- Denise Anderson, Unisys Corporation
- Katie Bedney, Twin Cities Chapter of the Association for Women in Computing
- Russell Fraenkel, Advance IT Minnesota
- Anna Grecco, Thomson Reuters
- Marty Hebig, Maverick Software Consulting
- Ramasubramani Krishnamurthi, Cognizant
- Kristin Krone, Maverick Software Consulting
- Maureen Larson, Tech IT Out! MN
- Betsey Roush, Unisys Corporation
- Julie Urban, Symantec
- Kris Wilmunen, Unisys Corporation
- Karen Young, Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA)

LOCAL WEBSITE

www.ncwit.org/awardmn

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