

WESTERN AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND WEST VIRGINIA

AFFILIATE AWARD

The Western and Central Pennsylvania and West Virginia Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing ceremony was held at the beautiful William Pitt Union Ballroom on the University of Pittsburgh campus. This year's Award brought together Award recipients and their families, industry professionals, past Awardees, sponsors, teachers, and NCWIT representatives. The young women had a chance to meet others who share their interest and enthusiasm in computing and technology, including keynote speaker Jinx Walton, Chief Information Officer of the University of Pittsburgh and a primary sponsor of the Award. Jinx talked about her experience in computing as well as what being a CIO entails. The NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Educator Award was given to Michael Losk, a Business and Technology teacher at Knoch High School in Saxonburg, who revamped the computer business electives and introduced courses in computer programming, graphics, web design, and animation. Most recently, Losk mentored Knoch's FIRST Robotics Competition after-school program. Both the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University offered generous scholarships to Award recipients.

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“I had a winner come up to me and thank me for caring about her and her future. She said because of the Award, she isn't scared to love computers as much as she does and is excited to see what the future has in store for her.”

~ Aspirations Award
Local Coordinator



**Geographic
region
covered**

Western & Central Pennsylvania
& West Virginia



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

1



**Number of
2013 Awardees**

20



**Number of
2013 volunteers**

22

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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Carnegie Mellon University

The School of Information Systems and Management at the Heinz College offers a minimum \$18,000 (\$6,000 per semester) scholarship to Winners and Runners-up of the Award for Aspirations in Computing who enroll in the Master of Information Systems Management program or the MS in Information Security Policy and Management program. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must enroll at Heinz College as a full-time student in the fall of 2013 or 2014 and must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA overall. The scholarship is renewable for the normal length of the degree program.

University of Pittsburgh

The Department of Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce it will offer up to \$5,000 to any Winner of the 2012-2013 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must enroll at The University of Pittsburgh in the fall of 2013 or 2014 and declare a CS major within a year of enrolling at Pitt. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA overall and in the major. The scholarship may be renewable for up to 3 additional years.

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- University of Pittsburgh, Computer
Science Department

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