The P. O. Pistilli Scholarship
for Advancement in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
Undergraduate Scholarships

The objective of the P. O. Pistilli Scholarship program is to increase the pool of professionals in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Computer Science from under-represented groups (Women, African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Physically Challenged). In 1989, ACM Special Interest Group on Design Automation (SIGDA) began providing the program. Beginning in 1993, the Design Automation Conference provided the funds for the scholarship and SIGDA continues to administer the program for DAC. DAC normally funds two or more $4000 scholarships, renewable up to 5 years, to graduating high school seniors. In 1999 the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society also began to sponsor these scholarships.

The 2001 winners will be announced at the Conference. The 2000 winners were:

2000 DAC P. O. Pistilli Undergraduate Scholarships

Julian Virgil Dawson, Navarre, FL - attending Georgia Institute of Technology
Nelson Ramirez, Homestead, FL - attending University of Miami
Lillian Jane Chu, Victorville, CA - attending Stanford University
Sarah Briana Solter, Coleta, CA - attending Stanford University
You-Chen Tao, Torrance, CA - attending University of California, Berkeley

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Design Automation Conference Graduate Scholarships

Each year the Design Automation Conference sponsors several $24,000 scholarships to support graduate research and study in Design Automation (DA), with emphasis in “design and test automation of electronic and computer systems”. Each scholarship is awarded directly to a university for the Faculty Investigator to expend in direct support of one or more DA graduate students.

The criteria for granting such a scholarship expanded in 1996 to include financial need. The criteria are: the academic credentials of the student(s); the quality and applicability of the proposed research; the impact of the award on the DA program at the institution; and financial need. Preference is given to institutions that are trying to establish new DA research programs.

Information on next year's DAC scholarship award program will be available on the DAC web page at: http://www.dac.com.

The Association for Computing Machinery/Special Interest Group on Design Automation (ACM/SIGDA) presents its Distinguished Service Award

Robert Grafton - National Science Foundation
For contributions to the EDA profession through his many years as the Program Director of NSF's Design, Tools, and Test Program of the Computer, Information Sciences & Engineering Directorate. In this position, he provided supervision, mentorship, and guidance to several generations of EDA tool designers and builders funded by grants from the National Science Foundation.