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(December 8, 2010) Twenty-two science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) scholars were selected from a large pool of applicants majoring in biology, chemistry, computer science, information technology, mathematics and physics to receive scholarships for fall semester 2010. A total of $37,204 in scholarships was awarded as part of a National Science Foundation (NSF) $483,760 grant awarded to Armstrong in 2007.

The need-based scholarships average just under $1,700 per student. They cover tuition, books, and other fees. Support services, such as tutoring, internship programs, and career counseling are offered to students receiving the scholarships. In order to be considered for the awards, students must maintain an overall 2.7 GPA and be involved in their chosen discipline through extracurricular activities, such as membership in student organizations.

"An important aspect of the scholarships is that they allow students to decrease the amount of hours they have to work on- or off-campus to make ends meet," said Suzy Carpenter, Armstrong associate professor of chemistry in the College of Science and Technology, and one of three faculty members who submitted the grant proposal to the NSF.

The scholarships are critical in addressing Georgia's huge shortage of science and technology workers, added Carpenter.

The 2010-2011 STEM scholars are:

- Whitney Clay, Cody Henson, Scot Kelly, Aisha Khan and Robin Muldrow (biology)
- Elizabeth Bates, Ryan Calton, Erica Cooper, Misti Gurley, Rodmond Singleton and Laura Wright (chemistry)
- Gabriel Loewen and Simon Young (computer science)
- LaWayne DaCosta, John Davis, Muona Malola, Lisa McCollan, Laura Walden and Kevin Willett (information technology)

In January 2011, scholarship renewals for the spring semester will be evaluated and processed, and we will begin accepting applications for the 2011-2012 STEM Scholarships with a priority deadline of March 15. Interested students should visit the College of Science and Technology Web site at: www.armstrong.edu/index.php/Science_and_Technology/s_stem/s_stem_welcome/.
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