

**OHIO TRIG-STAR AWARDED SECOND ANNUAL
TRIG-STAR SCHOLARSHIP
by NSPS Trig-Star Committee**

Jonathan Wilson of Jefferson, Ohio was selected as the second annual winner of the Trig-Star Scholarship by the NSPS Trig-Star Committee at their meeting in July of 2008. The amount of the scholarship award was \$5,000. Jonathan's selection was based on recommendations, an essay, and high school transcripts that he submitted in conjunction with his scholarship application. The scholarship is available to high school seniors who have participated in the Trig-Star contest at any time during their high school career. The scholarship was developed by the NSPS Trig-Star Committee as a way to reward contest participants whether they were state or local winners or not. Also, one of the requirements is that the scholarship winner must enroll in a surveying and mapping curriculum at a college or university. This provides for further promotion of careers in surveying and mapping to high school seniors.

Jonathan, who graduated from Jefferson Area High School in 2008, won first place in the State of Ohio's Trig-Star contest his senior year. After winning the state contest, Jonathan received a formal statement of congratulations from the Ohio House of Representatives, under the sponsorship of Representative Deborah Newcomb. Upon high school graduation, he is set to enroll in the Geomatics Engineering program at Ohio State University. Jonathan is proof that the Trig-Star Program is an excellent tool to assist in the recruiting of future surveyors.

The NSPS Trig-Star Program, which has been in existence for more than 20 years, provides a means to promote the surveying and mapping profession to high school students. The program's purpose is to (a) promote the study of trigonometry in high school and to promote excellence in the subject by honoring the individual students demonstrating superior skills; (b) acquaint the high school trigonometry students with the use and practical application of trigonometry in the surveying profession; and (c) build an awareness of surveying as a profession among high school students with superior math skills, and among high school counselors and math teachers. Currently, there is active participation in the Trig-Star contest in 33 states. As a result, thousands of high school students, counselors, and math teachers learn about surveying and mapping as a career. The program is currently delivered by local sponsors who work with the various local high schools.

If you would like to participate in the process of recruiting the future surveyors of the next generation, you should consider getting involved in the NSPS Trig-Star Program. You would be able to work with talented high school students by administering the Trig-Star test at local high schools, and by promoting the NSPS Trig-Star Scholarship Award. Information about how you might get involved in the Trig-Star Contest, and how you can provide a donation to the Trig Star Scholarship Award can be found at http://www.nspsmo.org/trig_star/index.shtml.