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EGIA Foundation Announces 2021 Class of HVAC Scholarship Winners

Fifteen students who embody the EGIA Foundation's mission to build a bigger, better industry workforce selected for 2021-22 academic year.

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SACRAMENTO, Ca. (June 10, 2021) – Today, the EGIA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to improving the workforce shortage in the home services industry, announces its fourth annual class of HVAC scholarship recipients. Fifteen scholarships of \$2,500 apiece are being awarded to students who are studying HVAC-related careers at trade schools, community colleges and other accredited institutions during the 2021-22 academic year. A judging panel of industry professionals selected the final recipients based on financial need, academic merit, and career aspirations of the applicants.

The EGIA Foundation began the scholarship program in order to attract more talented, hard-working young adults into the HVAC industry's workforce – a means of helping to reverse the ongoing workforce shortage. To date, the Foundation has awarded \$180,000 to help educate the HVAC industry's future workforce, including this year's distribution of \$37,500. The EGIA Foundation is proud to continue removing financial barriers to ensure talented, future industry workers can pursue HVAC career paths regardless of economic background.

"We are thrilled to award this year's scholarships to 15 dedicated students, all of whom possess the integrity and excitement to impact the industry for decades to come," said Bruce Matulich, Chairman and CEO of the EGIA Foundation. "The past year and a half have further emphasized the ongoing need for healthy, comfortable homes, as well as the professionals who can help maintain them. This class of qualified, enthusiastic students will continue to build the workforce that benefits every single person across the country."

Despite the difficulties that schools and students experienced over the last academic year, the 2021-22 scholarship cycle continued to reach people across the nation, generating interest and hundreds of applications among those pursuing career paths throughout the HVAC industry. As of this year's program, the EGIA Foundation has awarded scholarships to 72 students, helping to pay tuition as they completed their education. In turn, well-prepared and enthusiastic groups of students will enter into the workforce each year in greater and greater numbers.

Beginning in the fall of 2021, the EGIA Foundation Scholarship Program will begin accepting applications for the 2022-23 academic year, where it will distribute up to 20 awards of \$2,500 apiece. To apply, learn more about the EGIA Foundation Scholarship Program, and see this year's complete list of winners, visit AlwaysInDemand.com/Scholarship.

About the EGIA Foundation

The EGIA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to expanding the benefits the public receives from the home services industry through education, research and the development of the next generation of qualified workers. You can learn more about the EGIA Foundation at its website, EGIAFoundation.org, or its student-targeted web portal, AlwaysInDemand.com.

About EGIA

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