

Area Student Awarded Lone Star Community Scholarships

Dallas, Texas—January 11, 2008—The Lone Star Community (LSC) of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) has awarded Lacy Landrum a \$1000 scholarship to be used in her pursuit of a doctoral degree in technical communication at Oklahoma State University.

Ms. Landrum, who lives in Hammond, LA, is currently finishing up her dissertation on web accessibility issues for the hearing impaired. The scholarship award was announced at the annual Lone Star Community (LSC) of the Society for Technical Communication Awards Banquet held Jan. 10 at the Crowne Plaza hotel.

In her scholarship application, she writes, "My dissertation draws from my experience and explores accessibility issues when designing websites for people who are deaf. Many of the W3C guidelines focus on making websites compatible with screen readers and keyboard-only navigation. Yet, captions and plain language are the only guidelines when designing for people who are deaf although their differences in cognitive processing and using English are well documented, mainly due to sign language as their first language."

"I was happy that we awarded the scholarship to someone so deserving and to someone who also needed it to complete her education," Robert Harris, scholarship manager for the LSC, said. "She was an excellent candidate and I hope to see many more this coming spring."

The spring deadline to apply for scholarships from the Lone Star Community is March 28 for both the Traditional Education Scholarship (undergraduate/graduate students) and the Continuing Education Scholarship (professionals). Mr. Harris said he would particularly like to see more professionals apply for the Continuing Education Scholarship because it's not just for students and could help technical communicators get to their next conference or professional workshop.

About STC and the Lone Star Community

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an individual membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. It is the largest organization of its type in the world. Its 18,000 members include technical writers and editors, content developers, documentation specialists, technical illustrators, instructional designers, academics, information architects, usability and human factors professionals, visual designers, Web designers and developers, and translators—anyone whose work makes technical information available to those who need it.

The Lone Star Community (LSC), one of the largest and most active STC communities in the U.S., received the Award of Merit in the international STC Chapter Achievement competition for 2004-2005. The LSC has been awarded three consecutive years in this competition. Drawing over 250 members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the LSC promotes professional growth through meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, mentoring, and networking. For more information about the STC Lone Star Community, visit their website at www.stc-dfw.org.

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