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TSM Students Receive Scholarships from Company Partners

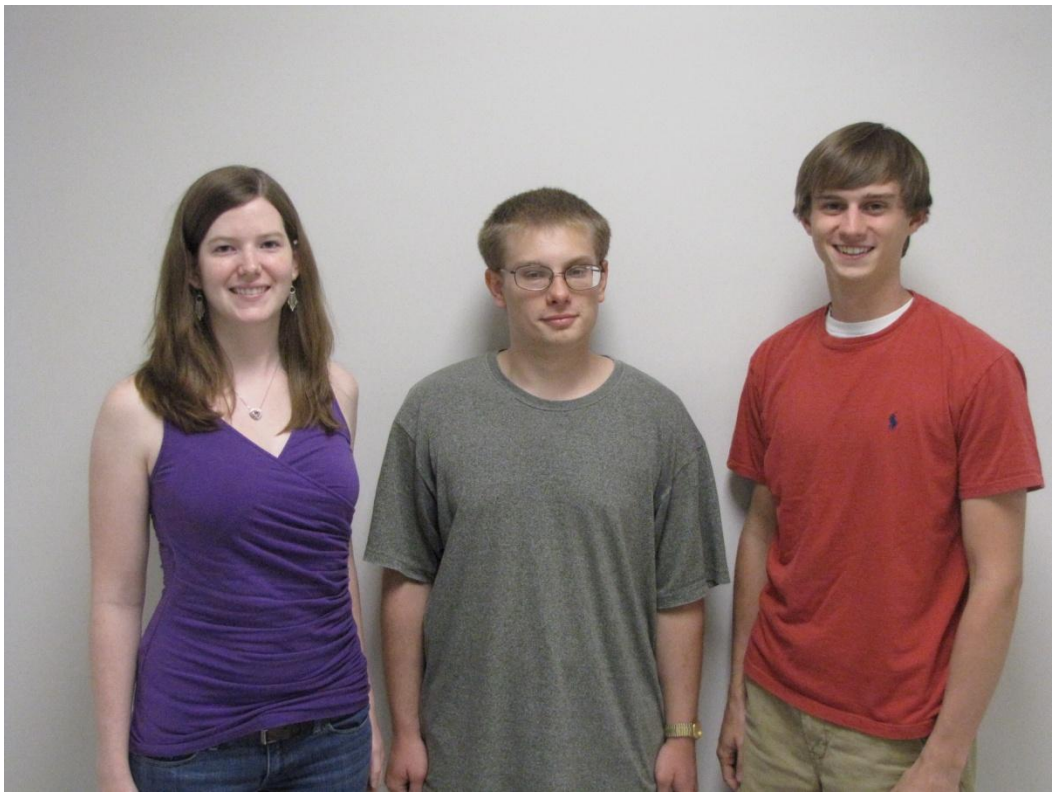
As tuition rates increase year after year students are finding it harder to obtain the funds necessary to pay for school expenses. Murray State University's Program of Distinction in Telecommunications Systems Management (TSM) offers the opportunity for a handful of students to breathe a little easier when the bill for school is due in August through the scholarships offered to TSM students: The AT&T Women in Telecom scholarship, Computer Services Inc. (CSI) scholarship, West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative (WK&T) scholarship and Housing scholarships. The TSM program at Murray State just celebrated its 10 year anniversary, and the partnerships and relationships that the faculty, staff and students have made with companies foreshadows that the program will be around for years to come. CSI and WK&T are two companies who show support of the TSM program through yearly scholarships that developed in 2006 and 2007.

The WK&T scholarship was developed in 2006 and has enabled several students the opportunity to pay for school expenses at Murray State. WK&T and TSM have worked well together over the years and many TSM students find internship opportunities through the company while going to school allowing the student to have financial assistance and gain indispensible experience. Three students were able to receive scholarships from WK&T for the 2010-11 school year: senior from Paducah, KY, James McCauley; sophomore from Benton, KY, John Crawford; and sophomore from Providence, KY, Colby Phillips. The CSI scholarship was developed in 2007. CSI and the TSM program at Murray State has developed and maintained a strong partnership over the years. The company hires more students from the TSM program than any other company. Two students were able to receive CSI scholarships for the 2010-11 school year: senior from Murray, KY, Travis Taylor and freshman from Benton, KY, Matthew Thies.

CSI scholarship recipient, Taylor shared his gratitude, "It's great to know that industry leaders in the western Kentucky area are supporting both Telecommunications Systems Management as well as Murray State University. It is an honor to have received a generous scholarship from CSI; with tuition increasing each year, every little bit helps and I am grateful to have been selected. I hope that they continue to partner with the TSM program."

The AT&T Women in Telecom scholarship is made possible with the support of AT&T donating funds each year to host the AT&T Women in Telecom Golf Day. Local companies get involved and show support for the TSM program through hole sponsorships and donations to participate and get a fun filled day of networking with ladies in the telecom industry. All donations and money raised go toward the AT&T Scholarship fund, and all scholarships awarded go to females in the TSM program at Murray State. The event has occurred the past five years and two ladies were able to be awarded scholarships for the 2010-11 school year: senior from Lexington, KY, Sarah Kennedy and freshman from Poseyville, IN, Lindsay Schapker.

Housing scholarships, varying in different amounts, are also offered to a wide variety of TSM students living on-campus. The TSM program has been very blessed to receive support and recognition from company partners and the university in order to reward students for their hard work and dedication required to obtain a degree in TSM. If you would like more information about TSM scholarships and how to apply contact Amber Anderson, amber.anderson@murraystate.edu or 270-809-3987. Also, visit the scholarship website, http://www.murraystate.edu/scholarships.aspx.



Caption: (from left to right) Sarah Kennedy, James McCauley, and Travis Taylor are three of seven that received a TSM scholarship in the 2010-11 school year.