

Meet a 2021 Scholarship Winner

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club offers two scholarships to any student pursuing a bachelor or graduate degree: the Claude H. Haring, Jr. W3IIM Memorial Scholarship and the Bryan Hoch N3VJE Memorial Scholarship. This year two of the chosen applicants wanted to express their gratitude and share a little about themselves with the club. We'll be featuring one of the winners in the November and December editions of The Blurb.

To: Ed Masarsky, Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

Greetings! It is a great honor and privilege to be named as a recipient of the 2021 Phil-Mont scholarship. I write to thank you for your generous \$1000 scholarship through the Foundation for Amateur Radio. This scholarship is of invaluable assistance in helping me obtain my degree in Electrical Engineering at Penn State.

I have just begun my Junior year as an electrical engineering student at Penn State. As we have returned to in-person learning, my living expenses have increased, so this scholarship will be of great aid in helping me to pay for tuition, materials, and logistics expenses.

Many things have happened in the past year both in amateur radio and in my education. Previously, I was attending the Berks campus of Penn State, mostly via online school because of the pandemic. This semester, we have returned to campus just in time for my transition to the Harrisburg campus of Penn State, where I will spend my junior and senior years of school. This return to in-person learning has been a welcome improvement to the learning environment and the networking opportunities at school.



Now that we are back on campus, I have worked to revitalize the Penn State Harrisburg amateur radio station KC3BSN. We have a fan dipole on the roof of one of our buildings and a handful of HF radios at our disposal there. Since the beginning of Covid, this club station has been disassembled and moved, but now that we are back at in-person learning, we have been able to reroute the coax and begin reinstalling the club station equipment. As this club is affiliated with the student chapter of the IEEE, I hope to present to the IEEE chapter after the station has been completed and perhaps build more interest in the club and amateur radio as a whole.

Thank you again for your generosity! If not for the generous support of the amateur radio community, I genuinely do not think I would be doing what I am doing now. Obtaining an education in this field has been a dream to me for years, and I am grateful and honored that the Phil-

Mont group supports this endeavor by entrusting me with this scholarship. It is my sincere hope that I will be able to in some way give back to the community that has supported my interest in electronics and radio for so many years.

73 and good DX,
Zachary Martin, KC3EWK