

Meet a 2021 Scholarship Winner

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club offers three scholarships to any student pursuing a bachelor or graduate degree: the Claude H. Haring, Jr. W3IIM Memorial Scholarship, the Bryan Hoch N3JVE Memorial Scholarship, and the Richard Moll W3RM 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.

Dear Ed Masarsky and Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club,

My name is Holden Correia-Fisher and I would like to sincerely thank you for funding the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Scholarship. I am so appreciative of receiving this scholarship as it will help me fund my college education. I promise you that I will continue to work hard in school and continue to be an active member of the amateur radio community.

Again, I am honored and humbled to be awarded this scholarship. Thank you very, very much for believing in me and more importantly for funding these scholarships for other students to make their educational goals a reality.

Sincerely and 73,

Holden Correia-Fisher
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Rowan University 2024
Radio, TV and Film



(The following are Holden's words taken from his scholarship application)

I am a second-year student attending Rowan University. I grew up in Collingswood, NJ and have lived there my entire life.

When I was very young, I used to play with whatever wires I could find around my house. I started getting into audio equipment at I believe 5 years old. When I got into elementary school, I got interested in radio communications and received my first handheld scanner. Until middle school, I hadn't heard of Amateur Radio, as I was the only person in my family interested in radio. In middle school, I got very involved in the student technical crew which provided lighting and sound for auditorium events. The teacher in charge of it saw my interest in radio and introduced me to Amateur Radio. I got licensed in 2015 at 14 years old and got very interested in the hobby. I upgraded to General in 2016. Currently working on my Extra.

After I was licensed, I joined the local club in my area, the South Jersey Radio Association. I quickly realized the average age of the club were many decades above me. However, I also realized that there were other people who found radio fun. I gained

great friends, regardless of age and started to enjoy the various aspects of ham radio. A couple of my favorite ham radio activities are experimenting with commercial equipment/ digital modes (DMR, P25, Yaesu System Fusion), HF and VHF contesting, HF operating, satellites, net control operations, SDR and repeaters.

Another club I'm a member of, the South Jersey Mountain Toppers, and I setup on top of a 2,000ft. mountain and operate 3-4 stations covering 6M to 10GHz. It's an amazing experience every year and a fun excuse to camp on top of a mountain.

A couple of my favorite activities within Amateur Radio would include participating in the September VHF contest. I also enjoy Field Day with the SJRA and occasional contesting.



Lessons from the Park



Are you interested in the Parks on the Air (POTA) program? Looking for information on how to start? Have you activated some parks and want to learn more about the program? Do you want to start hunting (chasing) parks? The Education Alliance for Amateur radio is hosting an introduction course to the POTA program.

When: December 19, 2021 9:00 Am till Noon

Where: The Upper Pottsgrove Twp Building (basement level) 1409 Farmington Ave, Pottstown, Pa 19464

Cost: This course is FREE!

Light refreshments will be provided!

Class size is limited to 25

Topics covered: Activating or Hunting, Rules and FAQs, Activation preparation, Using the POTA website and tools, Equipment selection, and a Show and Tell of local activator's equipment

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Register here <https://tinyurl.com/Parks-on-the-air>

Besides Amateur Radio, I collect Motorola commercial equipment and enjoy DMR and P25. Going back to club activities, in the SJRA, I am the youngest elected board member, being elected at 18 years old. I am currently in my second term. I am very involved in my club's website, which I rebuilt last year, and now in our technical meeting committee, which provides sound and video for our meetings.

Currently, I am a member of the following organizations: ARRL, SJRA, South Jersey Mountain Toppers and Gloucester County ARC.

Currently, I am in my second year of college at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ. I am currently studying Radio, TV and Film with a concentration in audio and broadcast engineering. Last semester, I got elected as engineer of my college's TV network and club. So far, that position has led me to providing engineering and technical support for my college's commencement ceremonies, among other events. Being involved with the TV network has really enabled me to make new friends and enjoy the social aspect of college while learning important technical and business skills. ●