

Buick Grants \$4.2 Million in STEM Scholarships

NEW YORK – The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, funded by the General Motors Foundation, has announced scholarships totaling approximately \$4.2 million to 1,100 recipients during the NBC News Education Nation Summit in New York City.

The students, who come from all 50 states, were honored for excelling in the classroom and the community. They will receive financial resources to pursue a college degree within the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), or other related fields of study.

As one of the largest in the country, the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program is noteworthy because it grants 100 students up to \$25,000. The grants are renewable for up to four years and one additional year for qualified five-year engineering programs.

Additionally, 1,000 students receive a one-time \$2,000 award. By the end of 2012, the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program expects to have provided nearly \$13 million to help students attend school. Eligibility was expanded this year from first-time college-bound students to include current undergraduates.

The GM Foundation hosted five of the 2012 national recipients at Education Nation, where they participated in the first annual nationally televised Student Town Hall moderated by MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry.

The students, Saad Amer, Medford, N.Y. (Harvard University); Denney Choi, Gardena, Calif. (University of California – Berke-

ley); Carmen Gil, Miami, Fla. (University of Florida – Gainesville); Thomas Jones, Orange, Tex. (Freed-Hardeman University) and Melissa Rey, Chesterfield, Mo. (Pomona College/Caltech), joined in conversations about today's educational system, sharing ideas and concerns about the rising cost of a college education.

"Students are graduating today with more than \$25,000 in debt, hindering them with years of financial burden," said GM Foundation President Vivian Pickard.

"Through the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, the GM Foundation is able to alleviate some of those financial hurdles, while fostering the growth of the next generation of leaders for STEM-related fields."

The program comes at a time when there are less than 1,500

math and science graduates for every 100,000 employed 25- to 34-year-olds in the United States, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. In fact, the United States ranks 27th among developed nations where college students receive undergraduate degrees in science.

This year's recipients represent every state in the nation. Additionally, 527 of the students are the first in their family to attend college while 73 recipients come from military families.

For more information about the Buick Achiever Scholarship Program, to view the complete list of 2012 recipients, or to register for an e-mail notification when the next application window opens, please visit www.buickachievers.com.



Buick Achievers Scholarship Award Winners Melissa Rey, Saad Amer, Carmen Gil, Denney Choi and Tommy Jones attend NBC News' Education Nation Student Town Hall meeting.

Engler will Speak At Economic Club

Former Michigan governor John Engler will be speaking before the Detroit Economic Club on Monday, Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Westin Book Cadillac.

The topic of his speech is "The Economy, Uncertainty and the Costs of Inaction: A Business Perspective on Restoring Growth."

Former governor Engler, now president of Business Roundtable, reports on how the nation's CEOs view the economy, how inaction by elected leaders has hurt U.S. competitiveness, and what Washington must do to help revive growth and job creation.

The Business Roundtable (BRT) is an association of chief executive officers of leading U.S. corporations with a combined workforce of more than 14 million workers and more than \$6 trillion in annual revenues.

A former three-term governor of Michigan, Engler assumed the leadership of Business Roundtable in January 2011 after serving six years as president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers.

As BRT president, Engler has helped bring CEO expertise and insights to bear on major challenges facing the United States, including global competitiveness, innovation, economic growth and job creation. BRT member CEOs lead U.S.-headquartered companies that invest more than \$150 billion annually in R&D activity.

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