February 2016 – The IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu (IEEE-HKN) Board of Governors announces the 2015 The Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Outstanding Student Award winner is Sara Kouroupis, of the IEEE-HKN Xi Chapter at Auburn University.

Miss Kouroupis is originally from Ellicott City, MD and completed her undergraduate degree at Auburn University. She graduated from the Honors College with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and a minor in Business Engineering Technology. While at Auburn, Sara held leadership positions in organizations including Eta Kappa Nu, the Society of Women Engineers, the Student Alumni Association, and the University Program Council. She also worked at the Auburn University Recreation and Wellness Center where she taught group fitness classes and performed administrative duties. In 2015, Sara received the Auburn University College of Engineering President’s Award and was the Auburn University Electrical Engineering Student of the Year.

Currently, Sara is employed by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and is working in the Space Department on the Space-Based Kill Assessment, where she performs optical sensor calibration tests and models signature data. She is also enrolled in a Master’s program at Johns Hopkins University for a graduate degree in Electrical Engineering. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tsWjs9wfXY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tsWjs9wfXY))

The committee wishes to confer Honorable Mention and Finalist status to the following students:

**Honorable mention:** Thomas Foulkes, Epsilon Eta Chapter
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Keenan Johnson, Gamma Theta Chapter
Missouri University of Science & Technology, Rolla

**Finalists:**

Tyler Przybylski, Delta Rho Chapter
University of North Dakota

Andrew Fang, Mu Chapter
University of California Berkeley

George Montgomery, Epsilon Omicron Chapter
University of Delaware

The Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Outstanding Student Award recognizes outstanding scholastic excellence and high moral character, coupled with demonstrated exemplary service to classmates, university, community, and country.
The award will be presented at the ECEDHA Awards Dinner on 21 March 2016 during their annual conference at the Hilton La Jolla, Torrey Pines, California.

The IEE-HKN Outstanding Chapter Awards will be presented to 22 Chapters at a special reception preceding the dinner.

**More about IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu**

Founded as Eta Kappa Nu in 1904 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, then changed to IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu (IEEE-HKN) following a merger with IEEE in 2010, IEEE-HKN is the academic honor society for those studying the IEEE fields of interest, including electrical and computer engineering.

IEEE-HKN annually inducts more than 2,700 students, faculty and professionals and has more than 200,000 alumni. The Society has chapters at more than 230 colleges and universities in the United States and around the world. Membership for students is by invitation only to those that possess outstanding academic achievement, character and attitude.

IEEE-HKN’s mission is to be the catalyst for the development of the “Complete Technical Professional.” Notable members include co-founder of Apple Inc. Steve Wozniak, “Father of the Internet” Vint Cerf, co-founder of Google Larry Page, and co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of Intel Corporation Gordon Moore.

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