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MINORITY ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
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Students from University of Akron and Ohio Northern University win 2016
competition

COLUMBUS – Two engineering students – one from the University of Akron and one from Ohio Northern University—are recipients of scholarships through the 2016 Ohio Minority Engineering Student Scholarship Program (OMESSP) announced today by CT Consultants, Inc., the Ohio Black Legislative Caucus, the National Society of Black Engineers, and New Visions Group (NVG).

Josiah Denson of Willowick, a senior majoring in civil engineering at Ohio Northern University, and Romell Bolden of Columbus, a junior civil engineering major at the University of Akron, each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year.

Denson, a graduate of Berea High School, Berea, currently is participating in a co-op program in engineering at CT Consultants in Mentor. His work ethic and scholastic achievement have been recognized previously with an OMESSP scholarship in 2015-16 as well as with several awards including a Dimension Award, a Presidential Scholarship and a Parker Hannifin Scholarship. He is an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Joint Engineering Council, Innovators of Ohio Northern, and Habitat for Humanity.

One of his scholarship nominators, Davis W. Johnstone, assistant professor of civil engineering at Ohio Northern said in his letter of recommendation: “Josiah is an excellent student who performs at the top pf his class. He has the personality and skill set to be successful at anything he attempts.”

Bolden, a 2014 graduate of South High School in Columbus, currently works as an engineering intern with the Ohio Department of Transportation, District 4. In his recommendation letter for Bolden, David E. Griffin, District 4 Highway Safety Engineer said: “For the department, Romell has completed numerous crash analyses that have been effectively used in engineering studies. He is a very quick learner and a very organized individual which has enabled him to excel in many aspects of his life, including his work at ODOT.”

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“Josiah and Romell are well deserving of the OMESSP scholarships and display the many qualities of dedicated and successful students. We hope these scholarships will assist them in achieving their educational goals and developing successful careers in engineering,” said Christina LeGros, vice president at CT Consulting, a sponsor of the OMESS program.

The OMESSP, established in 2008, provides financial assistance and possible internship opportunities to minority students enrolled in a civil engineering program at an accredited Ohio college or university. To date OMESSP has awarded \$57,500 to deserving students from seven Ohio universities. The scholarships are renewable upon reapplication by the student for up to three academic years. For information about the OMESSP, visit www.ctconsultants.com/about-us/scholarship.

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