



## Arkansas Academy of Computing Newsletter

January 15, 2021

Thanks to each and every one of you! In 2020 we have once again granted scholarships to many deserving students. Sadly, we could not conduct our annual meeting in person, but thankfully through automation we adapted. Our virtual meeting this year was a resounding success. Many thanks to everyone who worked to line up speakers, practice and execute a wonderful annual meeting experience.

Eugene Jones

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Arkansas Academy of Computing YouTube

If you find yourself wanting to know more about the history of computing in Arkansas, check out the AAoC history YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1721sSr7qkHc0iPr3NBuWw>

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Scholarship donations are appreciated at:

General Scholarship Fund

## Arkansas Students of Distinction Award -- We Could Use Your Help

In response to the Governor's interest in promoting computer science, last year we took on the challenge of managing the Arkansas Students of Distinction Award. This year, we would like to contribute even more. Our 2021 goals:

- Help promote and develop interest in the award.
- Help raise corporate and individual donations to fund awards for student winners.

Our vision at this point is to pay to send some or all of the winners to Tech Fest (~\$100 each) in Little Rock, or NWA Tech Fest in Fayetteville, or perhaps the AAoC Banquet (~\$75 each) this year. This might be a great way to attract and recruit new talent for your business!

<https://www.arcf.org/give-online/?fund=AAoC%20General%20Scholarship%20Fund>

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Dues can be paid at:

Dues Fund

<https://www.arcf.org/give-online/?fund=AAoC%20Membership%20Dues%20Fund>

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## Arkansas Academy of Computing

Scholarship Totals for 2020:

Arkansas State University	\$2,000
Arkansas Tech University	\$1,500
Henderson State University	\$500
*Ouachita Baptist University	\$500
Southern Arkansas University	\$500
UA Little Rock	\$4,500
UA Monticello	\$500
UA Pine Bluff	\$500
UAF CSCE	\$3,000
UAF Walton College	\$4,000

If you are interested, please contact Carl (501-860-0141) or Eugene (501-231-8860).

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## 2020 Scholarship Recipient

**Hassan Khanaferi Pour**



At UCA, in addition to being a Residents Assistant, he also worked as a Research Assistant focusing on addressing data integrity problem in medical embedded systems at various abstraction levels (sensor-level, hardware design level, software level.) Hassan's area of research also included exploring techniques to simulate the human's tactile sensibility using microcontrollers like Arduino and Raspberry Pi boards. In the Fall of 2019, Hassan was selected to attend and give an oral presentation about his research at the INBRE conference in Fayetteville. In Summer 2019, he was hired as a Software Engineering Intern at Delphi Technologies where he was working on setting up software tools to support Volvo Power Electronics programs in the automotive industry. After his success in the internship, he got an extended offer from Delphi

UCA Conway	\$2,000
TOTAL	\$19,500

*\*At the request of a member, we gave one scholarship to a new school this year -- Ouachita Baptist University*

Technologies in the Summer of 2020 to continue the assignment that he had established. He is currently responsible for developing a training program for using a software tool that was set up last year to train engineers in the company. Hassan is looking forward to graduate in December of 2020 and to continue his contributions on the technological advancement to fulfill his passion.

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