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SPIE Awards \$2000 Scholarship to William A. Namestnik

Bellingham, WA—April 9, 2008—SPIE has awarded a \$2000 scholarship to William A. Namestnik, a fourth year student at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

William is enrolled in the microelectronic engineering program at RIT, which is designed to give students the necessary background to be able to exceed in the field of integrated circuit and semiconductor manufacturing. Upon completion of the general mathematics, science, and introductory engineering courses, the five-year program then focuses on the specifics of IC manufacturing concepts and design, with coursework in thin films processes, device physics, VLSI design, and microlithography.

Throughout his time at RIT, he has found that his interests and strengths lie in the areas of optics, and the microlithography process used prominently in semiconductor manufacturing (optical image transfer on a small scale). Currently, William is completing his second internship with Intel Corporation, where he does process engineering work in the lithography manufacturing department. At Intel, he has learned how his coursework at RIT applies to a competitive manufacturing environment.

Upon completion of his undergraduate engineering degree, William plans to further his education by attending graduate school either in an optical design program, or a device physics program.

SPIE is the world's largest international not-for-profit society in the fields of optics, photonics, and imaging with 17,000 individual members including 3,800 students. To date, SPIE has distributed over \$3 million U.S. dollars in scholarships and grants to those working and learning in 84 countries. SPIE strongly believes in the opportunities and personal enrichment that education provides and in the need for increased scientific and technical literacy. The Society is committed to the upcoming generations of scientists and engineers who will develop the potential of optics and photonics.

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