

EcosySTEM OF LEARNING AT I/ITSEC

The EcosySTEM of Learning (EoL) focuses on strategically and tactically building interest and educational momentum through a wide breadth of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives. The EoL mission is to establish, nourish, and maintain a solid foundation for launching future leaders and fostering the future workforce.

Designed for agility and diversity, the EoL is built upon four major cornerstones. Each cornerstone is comprised of initiatives which provide impactful substance to the EoL architecture and to those who engage.

OUTREACH

ENCOUNTERS THROUGH OBSERVATION, INTERACTION, AND IMMERSION.

- Student Tours
- Interaction with STEM focused organizations
- Path for year round engagement opportunities

DISCOVERY DEN

PLATFORMS PROMOTING PRESENTATION SKILLS AND SHARING OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE.

- Informative Exhibits
- Serious Games Showcase & Challenge
- Presentation Theatre

FOCUSED WORKSHOPS

CURRICULUM THROUGH CLASSES, SHORT COURSES, SEMINARS, AND MORE.

- Teacher Focused
- Student Focused
- Workforce Development

CAREER INVESTMENT

ADVANCEMENTS WITH LONG TERM PROFESSIONAL GOALS IN MIND.

- Tutorials
- Professional Development Workshops
- Scholarship Program
- Career Fair
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
- University Collaboration



EcosySTEM OF LEARNING BOOTHS

2383 – 2594

STEM PAVILION SPONSORS

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER • 1300 – 1600 • ROOM 210A

NTSA CAREER FAIR AT I/ITSEC

Job opportunities are on the rise for the defense industry – leading the way for developing cutting-edge solutions. The career fair welcomes you to be part of the fast-growing Simulation and Training community.

Meet with industry and government organizations with opportunities for new graduates and transitioning professionals at the NTSA Career Fair at I/ITSEC.

This event provides:

- An opportunity to learn more about open jobs available from government and industry partners
- Networking for businesses with subcontracting needs
- A space to learn about the government's perspective and process
- An environment to grow your network

See the Career Fair website at IITSEC.org/CareerFair for registration information. I/ITSEC attendees do not need to register to attend the Career Fair. Participating organizations will be added to the website as they are confirmed; please visit IITSEC.org/CareerFair for the most up-to-date information. If you have any questions while onsite, please visit the Career Fair on Wednesday, 3 December in Room 210A.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS ARE LISTED ONLINE AT
IITSEC.org/CareerFair and onsite at the Discovery Den Info Desk in Booth 2395.



35th ANNUAL RADM FRED LEWIS POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Annual **RADM Fred Lewis I/ITSEC Postgraduate Scholarships** are offered to stimulate student interest and university participation in preparing individuals for leadership in the Modeling & Simulation, Training, and Education communities. RADM Fred Lewis served as the NTSA President from 1995 – 2012 and initiated important core programs to identify and credential a professional workforce and established educational programs to stimulate interest in M&S careers at all grade levels. RADM Lewis knew by investing in our future workforce, these scholarships will encourage expansion of the I/ITSEC community and promote innovation through direct investment in our community's future leaders.



Jane Apostol
University of Central
Florida
Interactive
Entertainment



Yazmin Diaz
University of Central
Florida
Human Factors



Michael Holm
Purdue University
Engineering



Maia Rohmer
Wright State
University
Human Factors



Jarean Carson
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University
Human Factors



Gabriela Flores-Cruz
University of Central
Florida
Human Factors



Rose Kiriazes
University of Florida
Engineering



Natalie Roth
Florida Southern
College
Human Factors



Tara Delgado
University of Central
Florida
Engineering



Elizabeth Merwin
Embry-Riddle
Aeronautical
University
Human Factors

9th ANNUAL LEONARD P. GOLLOBIN POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The **Leonard P. Gollobin Graduate Scholarship** program was generously bequeathed by Mr. Gollobin to direct students developing their technical talents into the defense industry. Throughout his career, Mr. Gollobin led scientific initiatives that improved our defense systems and strategically shaped our military capabilities. NTSA administers this scholarship with the intent to provide financial support for those seeking advanced degrees and a path to leverage their commitment to strengthen our nation's security. The awards are offered at a Masters level in the amount \$5,000, and at a Doctoral level in the amount \$10,000.



Brianna Chicas
Florida Southern
College
Human Factors



Christopher Mikulski
Capitol Technology
University
Human Factors



Cherelle Connor
Virginia Tech
Computer and/or
Information Sciences



**Marie-Chantal
Nyirahategekimana**
Johns Hopkins
University
Engineering



Ziad El-Rady
University of Central
Florida
Interactive
Entertainment



Aiden Satterfield
New York University
Computer and/or
Information Sciences



Destinie James
Eastern University
Engineering



Nicolasa Villalobos
Texas Tech
University
Human Factors



Ainsley Kyle
Oklahoma State
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Human Factors



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Engineering



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SCHOLARSHIPS

BARBARA McDANIEL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

NTSA manages the **Annual Barbara McDaniel Undergraduate Scholarship** program, implemented in 2019. The scholarship does not follow the postgraduate scholarship submission process. The NTSA scholarship committee pre-selects three academic institutions and those three institutions select up to two students for a combined award of \$10,000. Barbara began her career as an educator prior to joining NTSA in 1993, as such these awards honor her life-long passion in the education of our youth. NTSA understands the importance of students pursuing Modeling & Simulation degrees and how vital it is to the modeling, simulation, and training (MS&T) industry. These scholarship awards will keep the MS&T workforce pipeline filled, starting at the Undergraduate level.

In its sixth year, NTSA awarded \$10,000 to each of three universities:

- Hampton University, Hampton, VA
- Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
- Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

**DON'T
DELAY!**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

When to Apply Applications must be submitted by 19 June 2026.

How to Apply

See [IITSEC.org/Education/Career-Investment/Scholarships](https://www.iitsec.org/Education/Career-Investment/Scholarships)

for complete application details.

Award Announcement 7 August 2026

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking for Future Leaders in the Simulation, Training and Education community? Learn more about the I/ITSEC community at [IITSEC.org](https://www.iitsec.org).

Eligibility

U.S. Citizens • Full-time Masters or Doctoral students (complete undergraduate work by Spring 2027.)

See Study Disciplines at

[IITSEC.org/Education/Career-Investment/Scholarships](https://www.iitsec.org/Education/Career-Investment/Scholarships)

Award Amounts Available for Fall 2026

\$10,000 (Doctoral Candidates)

\$5,000 (Masters Candidates)

Be our guest at I/ITSEC 2026 • 30 November – 4 December

Direct Further Inquiries To

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I/ITSEC 2026 Scholarship Deputy Chair

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NTSA CMSP SCHOLARSHIP AT I/ITSEC



Luke Wetter

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Human Factors

NTSA manages the **Annual Certified Modeling and Simulation Professional (CMSP) Postgraduate Scholarship**, implemented in 2022, at the Masters level in the amount of \$5,000. The Certified Modeling & Simulation Professional (CMSP) certification program was created in 2002 to provide the Modeling & Simulation (M&S) industry with its own professional certification that remains valid for four years before recertification is required. The CMSP designation recognizes professionals with extensive experience and expertise in M&S.

For more information about the CMSP program, visit www.NTSA.org/CMSP.

NTSA RADM JAMES A. ROBB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The NTSA **RADM James A. Robb Scholarship Program** was announced at I/ITSEC 2024. Funded by a donation from the Robb family, the scholarship honors his commitment to education and to the modeling and simulation community. Admiral Robb was a stalwart of advancing the M&S industry, and he spent much of his professional and personal career focused on education for underserved and underrepresented students and teachers. Many of the STEM programs at I/ITSEC are a direct result of his vision and commitment to education, and the pathways for the future workforce in the M&S industry.



Samuel Barber

Shenandoah University
Engineering



Kenneth Nwocha

Capitol Technology University
Educational Data Analytics