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2018-19 Von Ehr Scholars named

Three incoming students in the Michigan State University College of Engineering have been selected to receive Von Ehr Scholarships.

The 2018-19 Von Ehr Scholars are:

• Katharine Walters of Dearborn, who will study mechanical engineering, with a biomedical concentration. Walters is interested in the development and improvement of prosthetics. She will minor in computer science and German. Walters is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

• Matt Heilman of Clarkston, who will study mechanical engineering. A graduate of Clarkston High School, Heilman will pursue his interests in fusion energy at MSU.

• Max Wiedemann of Clarkston, who is planning a double major in chemical engineering and neuroscience. Wiedemann will focus on his biomedical interests. He is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

A $1 million endowed scholarship fund was established in 2006 by James R. Von Ehr II, a 1972 computer science graduate and successful entrepreneur who has long demonstrated his commitment to MSU and the college through service and philanthropy. The intent of the scholarships is “to provide financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students who come from humble backgrounds, as I did,” Von Ehr said.

Qualified prospective students—those scoring in the 90th percentile and above on national placement exams and who have a proven financial need—are invited to apply for the scholarships, which are renewable for four years.

Incoming first-year applicants are required to write a brief essay that describes their idea of the meaning of “free enterprise” and “liberty,” and to relate how these principles help to promote creativity and the transmission of technological benefits to different world cultures and society in general.