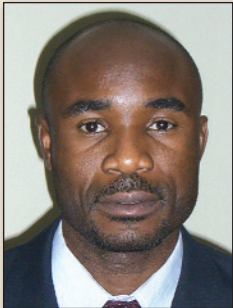


# PMI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2007 Scholarship Recipients

**T**he PMI Educational Foundation announced recipients of its 2007 scholarships at the PMI Global Congress 2007—North America, held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The foundation is a not-for-profit, nonpolitical organization that champions project management knowledge and skills for educational and social good.

The Foundation provides scholarships, confers honorary awards, sponsors research, prepares and disseminates project management-related educational information, and awards financial grants to support project management life skills. For more information on the foundation and its scholarships and awards, visit [www.pmi.org/pmief](http://www.pmi.org/pmief).



Alexius Emejom

### Colorado Technical University—Online Division Only Scholarship

**Alexius Emejom** recently moved to the United States from Nigeria. He has years of experience as an engineer and manager in the oil and gas industries and the engineering sector. He served as a depot operations manager for Conoil Plc. in Lagos, Nigeria, where

he coordinated the berthing and discharging of vessels that were delivering petroleum products in a manner that eliminated unnecessary costs and maximized profits.

Mr. Emejom currently resides in Illinois and is enrolled in the Colorado Technical University Online master of science in project management program. He is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.



Amitabh Srivastav, PMP

### Gaylord E. (Gary) Christle Scholarship (sponsored by the PMI College of Performance Management)

**Amitabh Srivastav, PMP**, has enjoyed a long career as a project manager in various industries. He currently works as a senior project strategist for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in Ottawa. His multiple responsibilities include analyzing enterprise-wide initiatives and identifying strategic projects that align with corporate goals and objectives.

Mr. Srivastav is pursuing a master's degree in project management from the Université du Québec en Outaouais. He is a member of the PMI Ottawa Valley Outaouais Chapter and the Risk Management Specific Interest Group (SIG).



Anna Fitzgerald

### Charles Lopinsky Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the PMI Orange County Chapter)

**Anna Fitzgerald** graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles' interdisciplinary program in economics and computer science. She has had successful stints as a lead programmer at Celerity Consulting Group, Inc. and currently as a web developer at Wells Fargo Bank, both in San Francisco, California, USA.

Ms. Fitzgerald is currently earning a master of science degree in analysis, design, and management of information systems at the London School of Economics in London, UK. Upon graduation, she plans to move to South America and embark on a career as a Chilean project manager.



Caroline Trudeau, PMP

### PMI Washington DC Chapter Scholarship

The career of **Caroline Trudeau, PMP**, kicked off during her seven-year stint at America Online (AOL), where she worked her way up to senior technical project manager. In her present position of engagement manager at NavigationArts, LLC, she is responsible for planning, directing and monitoring medium to large-scale, complex web strategy projects for Fortune 500 companies. She earned her Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification and is an active member of the PMI Washington DC Chapter.

Ms. Trudeau is earning a master of science degree in project management from George Washington University. She hopes her degree will help her become a business owner and act as her company's chief project officer.



Charles Williams

### PMI Coastal Bend Chapter Scholarship

**Charles "Tommy" Williams** is one of the youngest PMIEF scholarship winners. During high school, he demonstrated leadership capabilities in positions such as a rock- and rope-climbing instructor at the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, and as an assistant to the local chapter director of the National League of Junior Cotillions. He wants to be a project manager so he "can use both (his) technical and social abilities to help develop new ideas, create new products, and even new technologies."

Mr. Williams is a freshman at the University of North Texas in Denton studying computer science and business management. His other interests include playing sports, doing volunteer work with his church and playing the guitar.



Coletta Green

### PMI Kansas City Mid-America Chapter Scholarship

**Coletta Green** found her calling when she began work as a program coordinator at Saint Luke's Health System—Crittenton Children's Center in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. Her responsibilities as administrator of three community programs as well as organizer of her company's annual golf tournament made her realize that she does project management. She describes her dream job as being "a consultant who implements organizational change projects in a variety of companies."

Ms. Green is pursuing a master's degree in organizational development and graduate project management certification at Avila University in Kansas City. She previously earned a master of public affairs degree with honors in nonprofit and community services management at Park University.



Dale Gillam, PMP

### Dick Balfour Memorial Fellows Scholarship

**Dale Gillam, PMP**, is a subject matter expert in project and financial management and controls, with expertise in earned value management systems. He is the senior project controller and earned value management-analyst for the shore installation department of the Space

and Naval Warfare Systems Command, the U.S. Navy's information technology organization. He has more than eight years of experience in the Department of Defense's command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance acquisition community.

Mr. Gillam is pursuing an MBA with a concentration in project management from the University of Virginia – Darden School of Business. He has earned master's certificates in project management from Stanford and George Washington Universities and also has certificates in business strategy, contract management and consultancy. Mr. Gillam serves on the governing board of the PMI College of Performance Management as the vice president of administration.



Denise Rancour, PMP

### PMI Clearlake/Galveston Chapter Scholarship

**Denise Rancour, PMP**, has experience in process improvement, business processes and project management in various industries. She is employed as a senior project manager in the information systems division of the project management office (PMO) at Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, Texas, USA. In addition to her project management and implementation duties, she also mentors project managers and develops training materials.

Ms. Rancour is pursuing a master of science degree in technical management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. She serves on the governing board of the PMI Clearlake/Galveston Chapter and is a member of the PMI Houston Chapter as well.

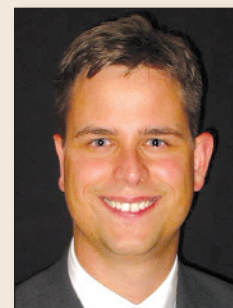


Joanna Vahlsing, PMP

### Matthew H. Parry Memorial Scholarship

**Joanna Vahlsing, PMP**, went from being a lower-level analyst to become a project lead and eventually a project manager in a three-year period. Once project management became her career of choice, she obtained her PMP certification and absorbed as much knowledge as possible from her project management classes as well as her colleagues. She is employed as a project manager and education research and accountability specialist for the Georgia Department of Education.

Ms. Vahlsing is pursuing a bachelor's degree in technical management with an emphasis in business information systems from DeVry University. She has several memberships with professional and volunteer organizations, including the PMI Atlanta Chapter.



John Turner, PMP

### PMI Central Indiana Chapter Scholarship

**John Turner, PMP**, is an application consultant for Open Solutions, Inc. in Glastonbury, Connecticut, USA. Working from his home in Avon, Indiana, USA, he uses his many years of experience in the banking industry to assist bank and credit union clients with core software implementation, training services and product testing among many other responsibilities. He is a member of the PMI Central Indiana Chapter.

Mr. Turner is enrolled at George Washington University in the master of science in project management program. He previously earned a bachelor of science in public affairs from Indiana University.



Kimberly Lightsey

### Robert J. Yourzak Scholarship (sponsored by the PMI Minnesota Chapter)

Kimberly Lightsey had a career as a social worker before becoming a team director/logistics manager for Operation Starting Line. She has managed a wide range of projects, such as fundraising ventures and in-prison statewide projects, and has experience with budget management and contract negotiation. Wanting to improve her skills, she is pursuing a formal education as well as an eventual PMP certification.

Ms. Lightsey attends Western Carolina University where she will earn a master's degree in project management. She has attained certificates in management and project management from the American Management Association. She is serving as the 2007 commissioner for the City of Greensboro Human Relations Commission.



Kimberly Splawn, PMP

### James Rankin Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the PMI Dallas Chapter)

Shortly after Kimberly Splawn, PMP, graduated from college, her job as a project coordinator at a technology company gave her inspiration and a career path. Her journey has taken her through several stints as a project manager for different companies as well as earning her PMP certification. She currently works for Brink's Home Security as a project manager, where she has managed purchasing, billing and human resources recruiting management systems.

Ms. Splawn is enrolled in the project management executive MBA program at the University of Texas at Dallas. She is an active member of the PMI Dallas Chapter.



Stacey Steadman

### PMI Southwest Ohio Chapter Scholarship

Stacey Steadman graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor of science degree in business. One year later, she found a job that excited and challenged her when she started work at the Federal Reserve of Cleveland. As a credit analyst, she takes on the responsibilities of a project manager and especially enjoys working on process improvement. She noted that the feeling of self-accomplishment after successfully managing her first project was "incredible."

Her satisfaction with her career choice and her drive to improve her skills has taken her to Cleveland State University. She is enrolled in the MBA program with a concentration in project management.



Tyson Brown, PMP

### PMI Founders Scholarship

Tyson Brown, PMP, spent years as a paramedic in the U.S. Navy and in the civilian sector. His project management career started at his present employer, Dell Incorporated. He works as a services account consultant where his responsibilities include managing custom client installation projects and providing operational account management to allow the sales team to concentrate on generating revenue.

Mr. Brown is pursuing a bachelor's degree in technical management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, which he feels will help him transition to a career as a project or program manager in the aerospace industry.



Bethany Lemley

### PMI Northeast Ohio Chapter Leadership Institute Scholarship

Bethany Lemley found her career niche while attending a project management 101 course in a leadership development program while working for FedEx Custom Critical. The program led her to project-related positions, including her present job as a government project

coordinator for FedEx. She is currently pursuing her PMP credential and is a member of the PMI Cleveland Chapter.

Ms. Lemley is attending the Keller Graduate School of Management at DeVry University and will earn her MBA with a concentration in project management.



Arden Lockwood, PMP

### PMI Information Systems SIG Academic Scholarship

Arden Lockwood, PMP, has had a long, successful career as a project manager. She started her professional career as a systems engineer with EDS and has held positions such as senior project leader and manager of the PMO of the largest privately owned U.S. bank. As a program manager, she was recognized for her ability to build teams and manage the appropriate priority of a portfolio of 40 projects resulting from the merger of the Airborne and DHL billing systems, before serving as the SAP interface development manager.

Ms. Lockwood is now a resident of France and is pursuing a two-year computer science master's degree at the University of Avignon. She is a member of the PMI Information Systems SIG and a former PMP preparation instructor for the PMI St. Louis Chapter.



Julie Wiebell, PMP

### Wilson-Zells Academic Scholarship (sponsored by the PMI Information Systems SIG)

Julie Wiebell, PMP, is a vice president at JPMorgan Chase and Company, managing corporate technology projects in Columbus, Ohio, USA. Her project management experience spans more than 10 years, working with private, public, non-profit, Fortune 100 and IT consulting firms. She is a volunteer MBA coach for Franklin University and serves on the Ohio University Honors Tutorial College Board of Visitors.

Ms. Wiebell is working on a PhD in applied management and decision sciences with a specialization in information systems management at Walden University. She is a PMI Information Systems SIG member as well as a past board member of the PMI Central Ohio Chapter.

## In Memory of Saralee Newell, PMP, PMI FELLOW

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served on the forum's steering committee. She won the PMI Distinguished Contribution Award in 1996.

Mr. Zervigon said the chapter "saw her as a senior statesman, who headed many nominating committees gladly and was always a willing resource without a lot of fanfare. She was low-key and always there. Saralee was much appreciated by all of us."

Ms. Newell was elected to the PMI Board of Directors and served from 1997 through 1999. Additionally, she served on the PMI Educational Foundation Board of Directors from 1997 to 2002.

She was president of PSM Consulting Services, and in her career Ms. Newell managed projects in the IT, transportation, chemical, automotive and other industries.

In August 2005, the eye wall of Hurricane Katrina passed directly over Saralee and Michael Newell's home on Lake Pontchartrain, totally destroying it. Two weeks later, Ms. Newell was in Toronto to accept her PMI Fellow award, PMI's highest honor. PMI friends from all over the world helped the Newells resettle in Florida, and Saralee was involved in helping the 400 members of the PMI Greater New Orleans Chapter find each other and get in touch.

Walter Bowman, PMP, PMI Fellow, served on the PMI and PMI Educational Foundation boards

with her and offers this tribute:

"I consider it an honor that I am able to say that Saralee was not only a colleague and peer of mine, but also a very dear friend for a long time. I had the privilege of working with Saralee in many PMI functions since the early 1990s, and working with both her and her husband Mike in various professional endeavors over the years.

"No matter what the subject, venue or setting; Saralee had the ability to bring significant and constructive insight and contributions to whatever she was involved with, to the benefit of all involved. And she did so with sincere dedication and a joy of being who she was that was almost contagious to those with whom she worked.

"Whether it was dealing with weighty issues such as the realignment of PMI's governance structure, international relationships, or educational grants, or simply enjoying reminiscences and dialogues with the Circle of Fellows or friends, Saralee was always... just Saralee: a free spirit that came among us, shared with us who she was with no expectation of something in return, and left us better people for it."

Hugh Woodward, PMP, PMI Fellow, who also served on the PMI Board with Saralee, said "Saralee was a fun-loving, engaging personality with a serious side that enabled her to have an enormous influence on the world of project

Saralee Newell accepts PMI Fellow award in 2005.



management as we know it today.

"Saralee served in many roles, but her passion and greatest contribution was globalization. As president of the PMI Greater New Orleans chapter during PMI's 1995 Seminars & Symposium in that city, she hosted the first, and most spectacular, Global Forum. That seminal event, which brought together leaders of the profession from throughout the world, unquestionably aroused PMI's interest in globalization and kicked off a transformation that continues today."

In 2008, the PMI Fellows Scholarship, endowed by PMI and administered by the PMI Educational Foundation, will be named the Saralee Newell Scholarship. Information on that scholarship can be found at [www.PMI.org/pmief](http://www.PMI.org/pmief).