



2024 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENT AWARDS



Eric Moore

IET Award for Highest GPA



Hi, I am Eric Moore II, and I graduated from Northwestern State University with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering Technology. During my time here at NSU, I learned many things to further my knowledge of STEM and applications and principles that have directly transferred into my field of work. Through the professors here, I learned to have a different perspective and take different approaches to projects and tasks, helping me in my career now. And I hope to be able to use what I've learned here moving forward into the future.

Nolan Ezernack

EET Award for Highest GPA, and Scholarship, Leadership & Integrity



Originally from Ebarb, Louisiana, a town with deep roots in the logging industry, I was on track for a similar career. However, inspired by Dr. Islam and Dr. Jannik, I chose a different path and pursued electronics engineering at Northwestern State University, which ignited my passion for the field.

At NSU, I thrived in the Engineering Technology Department, engaging in IEEE conferences with my two best friends who became more like brothers whom I met here in the department, and by applying our knowledge in real-world scenarios through our senior project, PanicGuard+ we were able to achieve a lot thanks to what we learned here. Mother Teresa's quote, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples," reflects my experience. My education at NSU showed me that learning not only changes us but also the world around us. As the first college graduate in my family, I hope to inspire all aspiring engineers to explore beyond their perceived limits and seize every opportunity.

Coby James

IET Award for Scholarship, Leadership & Integrity



Hi, my name is Coby James, and I grew up in Midlothian, TX. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering Technology. I came to Northwestern State University to continue my football career after high school. After graduating from NSU, I am planning on continuing playing football and obtaining my Master's degree in Engineering Technology at Pitt State University. I want to thank all of my professors, family, and friends for supporting me throughout my college career. I have learned many valuable lessons during my time here, and I am grateful to be where I am today.

Riley Birdwell

EET Award for Scholarship, Leadership & Integrity



My name is Riley Birdwell, and I am from Nacogdoches, Texas. I was able to be a part of the Demon football team for all four years while I was at Northwestern State University. The professors at NSU were a blessing. If I ever needed help, all I had to do was pick up the phone or send a quick email. They went out of their way to make sure that everyone understood all of the coursework, ensuring that we would have a bright future. I would like to thank all of my professors whom I had the privilege to attend their classes. Thank you, NSU, for the great memories and Fork'em Demons!