



Press release

Gamboa awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 19 May 2021 – **Julian Gamboa** has been awarded a 2021 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for their potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Gamboa is a PhD candidate in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Northwestern University (USA).

“Light surrounds us every day of our lives and gives us a window into the universe. From holograms and lasers to gyroscopes and metrology, I am fortunate to love what I research! I cherish each opportunity to communicate my passion to others in the hopes that they too may stop to contemplate the incredible world that surrounds us. Photons be free!,” states Gamboa.

In 2021, the Society is awarding \$298,000 in education scholarships to 78 outstanding SPIE student members, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Kate Medicus.

Through 2020, SPIE has distributed over \$6 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

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