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FAMA Awards 2026 Phillip L. Turner Scholarship to Monica Kim

Greenwell Springs, LA, August 26, 2026 - The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) awarded its 2026 Phillip L. Turner Fire Protection Scholarship to University of Maryland student Monica Kim. Kim was selected to receive the \$5,000 scholarship in recognition of her academic achievements, leadership in the Fire Protection Engineering community, and involvement in wildfire suppression research.

Kim's interest in fire protection engineering grew from her EMT training and volunteer emergency response experience, during which she saw firsthand the risks firefighters and other first responders face. Those experiences inspired her to pursue engineering solutions that improve safety for both responders and the communities they serve. Her studies have expanded her interests into fire modeling, suppression systems, and fire behavior research.

The Phillip L. Turner Scholarship, awarded annually by the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA), continues its legacy with the ongoing sponsorship of Akron Brass and Hale Products. Akron Brass, a global leader in high-performance life safety, firefighting, and emergency rescue equipment, has backed the scholarship since 2009. In 2021, Hale Products, known for its superior quality and advanced technology in firefighting equipment, joined this initiative to further enhance its reach and impact. Both Akron Brass and Hale Products, esteemed brands under IDEX Fire & Safety, are committed FAMA members. With a combined legacy of over a century in fire suppression innovation, these brands underscore the importance of education in shaping the future of fire and rescue services.

"Investing in future leaders is critical to the continued advancement of the fire service. Akron Brass and Hale Products are honored to recognize Monica Kim as the recipient of the 2026 Phillip L. Turner Scholarship. Through our partnership with FAMA, we remain committed to fostering education, leadership, and innovation across the fire and emergency services industry," said David Durstine, Vice President of Sales, IDEX Fire & Safety.

FAMA is proud to support Monica and wishes her a successful career in the fire service.

About FAMA:

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) is a non-profit trade association organized in 1946. Members of FAMA are committed to enhancing the quality of the fire apparatus industry and emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient fire apparatus and equipment.