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2017 Award Recipients:

Brock Kocyan is currently enrolled at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon and working for Georgia-Pacific in Halsey, Oregon. His sponsor is John Joiner, Senior Staff Project Engineer at Georgia-Pacific in Halsey, Oregon. Brock is planning to graduate in December of 2017 with a Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering.

Chris Wall is currently a Senior at Kennesaw State University in Marietta, Georgia and working for Pratt Industries in Conyers, Georgia. His sponsor is John Levine, President of Levine Lectronics and Lectric in Marietta, Georgia. Chris is planning to graduate in May of 2018 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

James A. Rooks Young Engineering Professionals Program

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2017 Award Recipients:

Andrew Huff is an Electrical Engineer with the International Paper Springfield Mill in Springfield, Oregon. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University in 2014.

Michael Meza is an Electrical Engineer with Easypower, LLC in Tualatin, Oregon. He graduated from Portland State University in 2015 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

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