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Ivey Engineering Awards \$1,000 Scholarship to University of Washington Freshman Kaylee Martin

Martin is IEI's first winner of the bi-annual scholarship essay contest. Her winning essay provided five tips on how to design an energy-efficient building.

Sept. 19, 2017, San Diego, CA — Ivey Engineering, Inc., (IEI), an engineering consulting firm, is pleased to announce the winner of the summer 2017 Ivey Engineering bi-annual scholarship essay contest. The winner is Kaylee Martin, a freshman at the University of Washington.

Martin, whose major is neurobiology, competed with over 100 other college students from the United States and Canada. "I find the brain incredibly fascinating," Martin says. "I plan to use my degree to do research on the many diseases of the brain and hope to discover more about this part of our body that we know so little about," she says.

Applicants were tasked to write an 800- to 1,000-word essay on one of three topics and were judged for creativity and originality. Martin's winning essay discussed several unique ways to incorporate energy efficiency into a building. One tip she mentions in her essay is to combine solar power with geothermal innovations.

"Now architects can design buildings to harness the local resources surrounding them, which means that some of the energy used can be offset by the energy produced," Martin explains in her essay.

"We were looking for some originality and energy-efficiency design tips that were not as obvious as others," says Bill Ivey, principal consultant at IEI. "You can tell that Kaylee spent some time doing research from the quality of her essay," Ivey says.

Martin sees herself in the next 10 years with a master's degree and hopefully a job as a professor at a university or at a pharmaceutical company doing research.

"Kaylee's determination shows she will go far with her college studies," Ivey says. "We wish her the best of luck."

IEI understands how valuable a college education is and also the expense that goes along with it. The scholarship contest is a win for both IEI and the student since it allows the firm to give back to the community.

Those applying for the bi-annual scholarship contest don't have to live within the San Diego area. Any potential or current college or university undergraduate student within the United States or Canada is able to apply. Furthermore, applicants from any major are able to apply.

The next deadline for essays to be submitted is Nov. 1, 2017. For contest requirements or for more information about the scholarship, visit IEI's [scholarship web page](#).

About Ivey Engineering

IEI is an expert witness and building systems consulting firm with offices in San Diego, Calif., and Scottsdale, Ariz. Established in 1994, Ivey Engineering services clients in over 40 states and in several Canadian provinces. IEI's consultants have experience in the design, construction, service and repair of HVAC, plumbing, fire sprinkler, fire alarm and life safety systems, as well as energy efficiency related issues. To read more about Ivey Engineering and its consulting services, visit the company's [website](#).

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