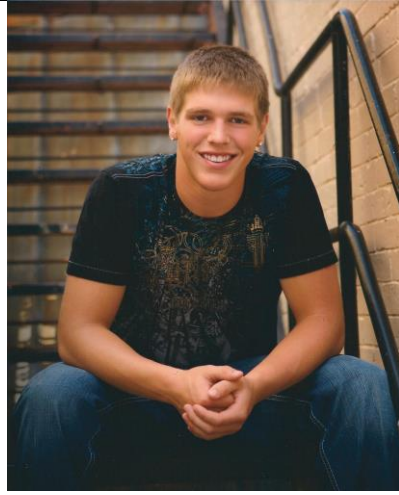


## Professional Women Controllers, Inc. 2011 Scholarship Recipients



### **Nathan Zibolski is awarded a PWC Family Member Scholarship for**

**\$1500:** Nathan's mom is PWC member Karen Zibolski. You may remember the name - his sister Nicole won a PWC Scholarship in 2009. He'll graduate High School this June, entering University of Minnesota, Duluth this fall. He plans to pursue a Pre-Med degree, his goal to become a doctor or pharmacist. He will also be playing football for the University. He has been a three-sport athlete in high school, lettering in all since a sophomore: football in the fall (captain for two years), weightlifting and wrestling in the winter (captain), and baseball in the spring. He is in the National Honor Society; has been on the A&B Honor rolls every year since 9th grade; and is on the Student Council. He is currently organizing a community blood drive; previous projects are highway ditch cleanup, Veterans Memorial services, Feed My Starving Children drives, tutoring elementary students, and working concessions at basketball games. His volunteerism is exemplary; Nathan has worked in a battered women's shelter, a homeless shelter, at the Salvation Army Depot, and for Operation Christmas Child; he is a coach for 3rd and 4th grade tackle football, he helps at wrestling meets, and helps prep and maintain the local baseball field. Whew! His English teacher's letter of recommendation describes Nathan as: "one of those rare students who has had his head screwed on correctly for several years; he has arranged his priorities so he manages his academic load with time to be a football captain and play a strong role in several other activities; Nathan and his family have travelled extensively, and he revels in sharing stories of people and artistic and architectural discoveries he has made. He chose a difficult course, Honors Global Humanities, to solidify his already solid awareness of international cultures, and thrived, earning an A average for both semesters. Nathan is not the least bit self-centered; he is unassuming and genuine, and his natural curiosity makes him a joy to teach and chat with." Another teacher writes, "Words that best characterize this young man are mindful, knowledgeable, and honorable. He is intrinsically motivated, respectful, responsible, and tolerant of diverse viewpoints. He uses these qualities as a leader in small groups and contributes in many profound ways to large group discussion. His course-load is academically rigorous and it demonstrates that he is a young man of commitment, determination, and strives for excellence." It sounds like Nathan will be a great candidate for Med School in a few years. He may be one busy guy with many interests - but he says he knows he is on the right path, studying medicine in order to work with people in need. Why? Nathan writes that he has been inspired by his grandmother's life; she died in 2005 after a thirteen-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. He writes that watching this bright, well-educated woman deteriorate, as well as watching the way it affected those who loved her, had a big impact on him, and gave him the inspiration to enter the medical field. He wondered if her medications interacted; did they always help? Did they counteract each other? Was there a better way? It sounds like Nathan will be making his grandmother proud, no matter what field he enters. We in PWC are proud to support Nathan as he works toward his goal of medical school.



**Nancy Thompson is awarded the Margaret Hoffman PWC Scholarship for \$1500:** Since Nancy is a PWC member, her scholarship is also designated a “**Mary McBurney Memorial Scholarship**” in honor of our late former PWC President whose dedication helped create the PWC Scholarship Program. Nancy is an Air Traffic Control Specialist (ATCS) at Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZAB) in New Mexico. She is pursuing her Master’s Degree in Aeronautical Science with double emphasis in Safety Systems and Operations at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - and she is maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Her background - a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Interior Design - may be one of the most interesting I’ve heard of yet. She has been involved for many years as a substitute teacher in choir and an instructor at band camps. She has volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader, worked with Habitat for Humanity, been a church youth leader, and led several vocal and instrumental groups. She plans to use her skills and her Master’s Degree to work in the aviation safety community in the future; one of her goals is to coordinate air traffic operations involved with space launches. Nancy’s letters of recommendation describe her as someone who “performs with professionalism and integrity; a good example for trainees; she encourages them and gains their trust, which allows the developmentals to believe in themselves and succeed;” “a shining example of what a professional woman controller should strive to be;” “Nancy has established an outstanding rapport with her coworkers and management; she maintains professionalism with pilots as well as surrounding air traffic control facilities;” “she strives to change the work environment by going above and beyond the job description;” “she is the first controller at ZAB to receive 100% on a technical proficiency phraseology evaluation.” Her experiences as a Girl Scout leader created a desire to help form the minds of young women, to show them there are more opportunities beyond cultural expectations, and to encourage them to ‘think outside the box’ when it comes to life choices. She is interested in starting a mentor program to encourage young women to pursue careers in the aerospace industry. On the personal front, Nancy’s husband Bret (also an ATCS at ZAB) is working on *his* Master’s Degree in Aeronautical Science at the same time. They only take a class when the other isn’t enrolled for that semester. Just to balance things out, their 4-year-old and 2-year-old daughters are expecting the next addition to their busy family this June! Nancy’s life and career seem to be right in line with **PWC’s Mission:** “balancing work and family life, recruiting and retaining excellent employees, developing people, enjoying work, and maintaining a positive sense of community.” I think **Margaret Hoffman**, who was one of the first female air traffic controllers, would be very proud to join us in supporting Nancy’s quest to further aviation safety.



**Dekiyra Love is awarded the Jacque Smith Burdette Scholarship for a Career in Aviation for \$2000:** Dekiyra found out about PWC’s scholarship program when she toured Indy tower with Purdue’s Women in Aviation (WIA) chapter. That serendipitous day illustrates the power of networking! Dekiyra is a sophomore at Purdue, majoring in Professional Flight Technology with a triple minor in Japanese, Asian studies, and Organizational Leadership and Supervision. She’s a pilot working on her Instrument, Commercial, and Multi-engine ratings. She also plans to earn a Master’s Degree in Aviation Management, then hopes to enter corporate aviation on an international level after graduation. She is also working part-time at Signature Flight Support at Kansas City Downtown Airport, while managing a 3.4 GPA. Last year she was chosen as one of five women at Purdue for “Five Students Who Are Modern Day Amelia’s”

(<http://www.purdue.edu/fivestudents/amelias/love.html>). Purdue presents this yearly program to display significant contributions students make for the betterment of the University, their majors, and the environment. She is a work-study student with Horizons Student Support Services, is a member of WIA, Japanese Student Association, and Purdue Professional Pilots. She volunteers with The Boys and Girls Club of America, Operation Breakthrough, Reach Out and Read, the 7th St. Soup Kitchen, and the Manor House nursing home. Dekiyra plans to take courses in Japan in 2012 and stay with a host family to immerse herself in the culture. Her letters of recommendation describe “an exceptional young lady with a very mature attitude and sharp customer service acumen;” “an instructor and mentor who is dedicated to her education;” “her attendance was perfect, she sat at the front, and was always attentive, and very respectful;” “she is a well-rounded individual, involved not only in school activities but community service as well;” “she has the integrity, perseverance, and work ethic to succeed, a highly deserving candidate for your scholarship.” These goals and traits exemplify someone who will make aviation her life, a perfect candidate for the scholarship Jacque Smith Burdette created to honor her late husband Ken. I see Dekiyra’s future career as right in line with **PWC’s logo**: the love of flight symbolized by Jonathan Livingston Seagull, the three silhouettes depicting that our membership is multi-cultural and composed of both women and men who share a common vision and mission; and the globe that shows PWC as part of the global aviation community. We are proud to award Dekiyra a PWC Scholarship and support her in Purdue’s Flight Program as the only female in the class of 2013.



**Sara Baty is awarded a PWC Recruitment Scholarship for \$2500:**  
 Two years ago, Sara drove her dad to his workplace one evening to pick up some papers, and changed her life direction. At that time he was a Technical Operations Manager at Seattle’s Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON). She went in for a short tour, not expecting to be impressed or even slightly entertained - then spent three hours monitoring controllers and soaking up their explanations; since then she’s been mesmerized by air traffic control. She promptly completed her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, then enrolled in Green River Community College’s FAA College Training Initiative (CTI) school, to become an air traffic controller; she has a 3.8 GPA and will graduate in December. Since last June she has also been working at the TRACON, first as a summer intern, then as a part-time clerk when the Air Traffic Manager (ATM) of the facility did not want to lose Sara’s talent at the end of summer. The ATM writes, “Sara quickly became an integral part of the team, and we took advantage of her quick study and extremely dependable work by requiring much more of her than any of the other interns. She completed complex tasks with minimum training and little support. She understood what was required of her and completed work in a timely, professional, and flawless manner. The position of an air traffic controller requires a three-dimensional mindset, a calm demeanor, an intelligent and thorough thought process, and countless other traits which cannot always be learned by an employee. Sara not only displays these qualities, she excels at all of them. She is an excellent role model for all women in any career field.” Another letter explains, “Sara volunteered recently by fund raising and running a half marathon to benefit Crohn’s disease research, in the name of a dear friend of hers. She did this at the same time she was a full time student in two colleges and a summer intern for the FAA. She is clear about her goals and an exceptional candidate for PWC’s Recruitment Scholarship.” Sara’s CTI ground school instructor writes, “Sara is a positive influence on her classmates. She

	<p>actively assists the international students, helping them understand the material and explaining aviation terms to those whose English is a second language. Her interactions show her leadership qualities as well as her ability to communicate.” Sara works with Big Brothers/Big Sisters - last fall she coordinated the “Spirit of 12” event - she recruited volunteers, procured supplies, and led the event which raised over \$20,000 for BB/BS of Puget Sound. She has been an equestrian for eleven years; she was president of her high school 4-H club. Sara Baty is <i>already</i> embodying <b>PWC’s Vision:</b> “to achieve a balanced workforce that reflects the demographics of society and creates a safe environment where all air traffic professionals have passion for their career, can excel, and feel a sense of community at work.” We are proud to award her this scholarship to support her goal of living that vision as an air traffic controller.</p>
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