



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, 19, 2020

Contact:
[Elaine Richardson](mailto:elaine@arproducts.org) | 781.862.7200
elaine@arproducts.org

GlenOak graduate awarded Engineering Scholarship
John Grunder to attend Kent State.

The first recipient of the [Albert S Richardson Engineering Scholarship](#) has been awarded to Canton resident and GlenOak graduating senior John Grunder. John has been accepted into the engineering program at Kent State University.

Mr. Grunder has elected a double major in Mechatronics Engineering and Construction Management.

“We had seven strong candidates apply for this new \$5000 engineering scholarship,” said [Sydney Ann Richardson](#), member of the Scholarship review committee, 2020 graduate of University of Alabama and granddaughter of Albert S Richardson, Jr, for whom the scholarship is named. “This process has given me a chance to learn more about my grandfather’s life in Canton and how our values have been influenced by life in Ohio and the Canton community,” she added.

The Albert S Richardson Engineering Scholarship aims to help one student each year from the greater Canton, OH area pursue higher education in the field of engineering science.

A student in GlenOak High School’s Engineering Career Technical Program, Grunder is a member of the National Honor Society. Mr. Matthew Brown of the GlenOak Math Department spoke of John as a “quick study of often arcane mathematics topics.” He added how John “sticks with me every step of the way during lengthy explanations of complex concepts.”

In sports, Grunder was recognized for his leadership skills and athletic ability. Earning three athletic letters, John served as Lacrosse Captain for two years and he holds the state record for most saves by a goalie in both a single game and for the season.

Outside of school, Grunder has been an apprentice at SPI Contracting where he has a reputation for exceptional problem solving skills. John has been an active volunteer with several Canton based organizations.

“Having the math and technical skills are important, but it was John’s essay on becoming an engineer that spoke to me,” said [Connor P Richardson](#), committee member, digital media professional and grandson. “When he described how at ten he decided to use his first toolbox to take apart and then put

his bike back together again, I was reminded of how Grandpa always helped me understand the mechanisms that work together to form a system,” he added.

The youngest member of the review committee and granddaughter is Emily N. Richardson, a rising sophomore at University of Kentucky. “I know the award is based on potential for leadership and making a contribution to the field of engineering,” observed Emily, “but as I have recently declared my concentration in business management at UK, I was looking for candidates who know what they want to study, but also how to apply those skills in this changing world.”

In addition to the three Richardson grandchildren, the scholarship review committee includes three lifelong friends of Albert Richardson: Kay Ring Adams, North Canton; Bill Bonds, Avon Lake, OH; and Guido Frassinelli, Palos Verde, CA.

- more -

The Albert S Richardson Engineering Scholarship is a one-year, renewable \$5000 annual award to one Canton area graduating senior who enrolls in an accredited undergraduate engineering program. The Scholarship is sponsored by AR Products, a company founded by Canton native Albert S Richardson, Jr. Information about the scholarship can be found in the About Us section of the company website at arproducts.org/About Us.

- 30 -

About the Engineering Scholarship.

This scholarship honors the late Albert S Richardson, Jr, a trailblazer in galloping and vibration control, and his father Albert S Richardson, both of Canton, OH. [Albert S Richardson](#), Jr, known as AL, graduated from McKinley High School in 1942. Supported by the Navy V-12 program, AL earned B.S and M.S. degrees in aeronautical and electrical engineering from MIT.

About AR Products, LLC.

[AR Products, LLC](#) is a technology, small business in Lexington, MA specializing in engineered, galloping control solutions for high-voltage transmission and distribution lines and the transmission systems connecting wind farms to the power grid. By analyzing sections of at-risk electric transmission systems and recommending the appropriate product and application for the environment, AR Products supports the needs of project engineers and consulting engineers developing viable solutions to a galloping problem. Grounded in fundamental, scientific and engineering principles, AR Products technology provides cost-effective, galloping control that is Intent on asset protection.