

SMTA Press Release

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2026 Stromberg Student Leader Scholarship Recipient Announced

Minneapolis, MN – SMTA is pleased to announce Aditya Amatya, Auburn University, has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 JoAnn Stromberg Student Leader Scholarship.

The SMTA Awards Committee selected Aditya for his committed leadership. Aditya is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at Auburn University, with a focus on electronic packaging reliability. He currently serves as President of the SMTA Auburn University Student Chapter.

The \$3000 JoAnn Stromberg Student Leadership Scholarship, given in honor of the nearly 30 years of service dedicated by former Executive Administrator, JoAnn Stromberg, was established following her retirement in 2015. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to take on more leadership opportunities and strengthen the connection between students and the electronics industry.

The Stromberg Scholarship is awarded annually to a student pursuing a degree in electronics and actively involved in SMTA. The scholarship is intended for the purchase of technical books and research materials, for participation in conferences related to electronics assembly and packaging, and for living expenses if necessary.

The award is presented at the 2026 SMTA International Conference, October 25-29, 2026 in Rosemont, IL, USA.

The nomination period will be available early next year for 2027 candidates. Consider making a donation to the scholarship by visiting <https://www.smta.org/scholarship/>.

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