U.Va. Engineering Students Win Truman and Goldwater Awards

*University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science*

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**Truman and Goldwater Award Winners**

**Todd Gerarden (‘10)**
*Mechanical Engineering*
*Truman Scholarship*

**William M. Jacobs (‘09)**
*Engineering Science and Physics*
*Goldwater Scholarship*

These scholarships were awarded in recognition of Jacobs’ and Gerarden’s academic achievements, research and leadership potential.

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**Todd Gerarden** received a scholarship for graduate study and leadership training from the *Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation*. The award is given to college juniors who exhibit exceptional leadership potential and who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in public service.

Gerarden is a mechanical engineering major with a focus on environmental policy. He hopes to study in a joint degree program offered by Columbia University and the London School of Economics to gain a foundation in natural science, policy analysis and international perspective and a greater understanding of the consequences of economic policies and regulation.

**William Jacobs**, an engineering science and physics major, received a scholarship from the *Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation*. The scholarship is awarded to rising third- and fourth-year students pursuing degrees in science, mathematics and engineering. It was established to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers who intend to pursue a career in one of these fields.

Jacobs was one of 278 winners selected from a field of 1,097 students.

His NASA-sponsored research concerns investigation of hypersonic impact on carbon nanotube-reinforced polymer composite materials.

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