



National Trig-Star Committee Selects Winners of the 2026 National Trig-Star and Teaching Excellence Awards

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star Board met on June 12, 2026, to determine the top three high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were 29 state winners submitted.

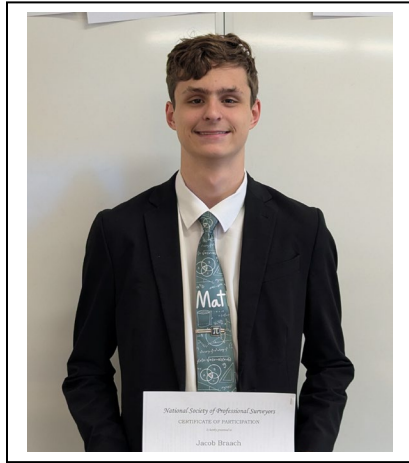
The Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards are as follows:

FIRST PLACE



Rohit Thomas (\$4000)
Cherry Creek HS
Colorado

SECOND PLACE



Jacob Braach (\$2000)
Flathead HS
Montana

THIRD PLACE



Leeoz Nebat (\$1000)
Ed W. Clark HS
Nevada

The Richard E. Lomax National Teaching Excellence Awards are as follows:

James Padavic (\$1250)
Cherry Creek HS
Colorado

Carly Forrest (\$750)
Flathead HS
Montana

Cassandra Arquette (\$500)
Ed W. Clark HS
Nevada

State Winners in Order of Finish:

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| 1 Rohit Thomas, CO | 11 Zhiyi Ni, WI | 21 Jinbao Zhen, AK |
| 2 Jacob Braach, MT | 12 Hari Maiyya, FL | 22 Simone Monti, GA |
| 3 Leeoz Nebat, NV | 13 Colin Cowart, OR | 23 Sam Haubner, KY |
| 4 William Davis, IA | 14 Sean Lu, CT | 24 Logan Fenicle, OH |
| 5 Chole Elliott, CA | 15 Aryan Punjabi, MI | 25 Josie Cox, ID |
| 6 Luke Johnson, SC | 16 Rhett Thomas, UT | 26 Philip Kazantsev, NJ |
| 7 Shourya Goyal, SD | 17 Chase Eberhardt, NH | 27 Thomas Mannion, ME |
| 8 Colten Sederstrom, IN | 18 Hanna James, MN | 28 Derek Kaczynski, ND |
| 9 Tate Bogdanchik, AL | 19 Nischal Sia Tangudu, IL | 29 Corbyn Guse, WY |
| 10 Benjamin Harris, KS | 20 Benjamin Bussert, NC | |

**There were 141 schools and over 2000 participants in the local competition.
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