



SENEDIA July 2022 e-Newsletter

From the Executive Director:

The power of foreign alliances. The intersection of climate and defense. Innovation in cybersecurity. Building the Shipbuilding Workforce for today and tomorrow. Undersea Technology. Test and Evaluation for DoD Systems. Helping small businesses work for DoD.

Senior Department of Defense experts, Congressional leaders, and some of the nation's foremost defense industry innovators will discuss these topics and more at Defense Innovation Days, coming up 29-31 August. As SENEDIA celebrates its 20th anniversary, we reconvene in person this year, returning to Newport, R.I., for conversation and collaboration that will explore the challenges and opportunities facing us in national security. Registration is almost closed, so reserve your place today to ensure that you have a seat at the table where the future of the industry will be discussed.

Our signature convening, Defense Innovation Days gives attendees access to some of the most influential voices and greatest minds in defense. Confirmed speakers include Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, Senate Armed Services Chairman Jack Reed, DoD Chief Sustainability Officer Joseph Bryan, Jimmy Smith, the director of the Department of the Navy's Office of Small Business Programs, and many more.

This year's event will also feature a Department of Defense Summit on building the shipbuilding workforce—a priority that SENEDIA is driving forward through our robust workforce development initiatives (learn more at www.BuildSubmarines.com).

Whether you're a small business looking to access new contract opportunities in the supply chain, a big business in need of top talent, or a policymaker committed to building an even stronger defense sector, this event is an opportunity to connect with others in the defense ecosystem and position your organization for success in a high-demand industry that continues to thrive and grow.

SENEDIA awarded our annual scholarships recently - see below for the recipients - future members of the Defense industry workforce.

Best,
Molly Donohue Magee

SENEDIA's 20th Anniversary

For 20 years, SENEDIA has been at the forefront of defense tech, talent, and innovation. We have a proven record of supporting businesses large and small and connecting them to unprecedented opportunities in defense, including with multi-million-dollar contracts to protect our national security.

SENEDIA incorporated in 2002 in response to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, which had the potential to close military installations across New England and the nation. SENEDIA became a critical advocate for the importance of the regional military and defense infrastructure.

We continue to be that strong advocate today and will remain so for our members.

Thank you for being a part of SENEDIA's story and for helping us to ring in 20 years of innovation. Cheers to the next 20 years of growth and success together!

2022/2023 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships Awarded

SENEDIA is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2022/2023 SENEDIA STEM Scholarships:

Johnathan Leys, a Rhode Island resident who attends the University of Maine and studies Computer Engineering. Johnathan is in the Class of 2024.

Abigail Young, a Connecticut resident who attends the University of Connecticut and studies Electrical Engineering, with a minor in Mathematics. Abigail is in the Class of 2023.

SENEDIA has awarded the Inaugural James R. Langevin Cybersecurity Scholarship to:

Jennifer Duque, a Connecticut resident who attends Salve Regina University. Jennifer was awarded her B.A. in Administration of Justice, with a minor in Psychology in May 2022. She is working on her M.S. in Administration of Justice and Homeland Security with concentrations in Cybersecurity and Intelligence and will be a candidate for that degree in 2023.

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1500 award. Their academic achievements, essays, and recommendations along with their honors, volunteer work and extracurricular activities were the factors that elevated their submissions amongst a very competitive pool of applicants.

Pursuing studies related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are the backbone of the skills and experiences that are important elements in supporting the future national security and defense sector workforce.

We thank all the candidates for their submissions and congratulate the 2022/2023 SENEDIA STEM Scholarship awardees!

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in undersea technology, cybersecurity, and other critical defense technologies.
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