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SPS Announces Recipients of O&P Student Scholarships

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Partnering with future O&P leaders

Alpharetta, GA, **April 3, 2025-** SPS, the leading U.S. distributor of orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) products, is pleased to announce two recipients of its 2025 SPS O&P Master's Scholarship. The scholarship is given to promising students pursuing a career in the O&P industry, and this year, SPS has selected the following outstanding future industry leaders:

Gunnar Zellman, Concordia University, St. Paul

"Each year, getting a new prosthetic leg became a significant moment in my life, even though I didn't recognize it at the time," said Gunnar Zellman. "I know firsthand how confusing and isolating it can be for a child to go through an amputation or feel different from their peers. Mobility challenges can be especially difficult for young people to navigate, which is why I am so dedicated to this field."

Kate Menzer, UT Southwestern Medical Center

"I have decided to pursue a career in O&P because I have witnessed the joy that results from a medical device that restores function," said Kate Menzer. "I have had the opportunity to see people gain function and independence with the help of a Certified Prosthetist/Orthotist, and they all have the similar features: a massive smile and the correct medical device to support their movement and hope."

The students were chosen based on their excellent leadership skills, academic achievements, and written essay

submissions. Each student will receive $2,500 towards their educational pursuits.

“I am proud to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional recipients of this year’s SPS O&P Master’s scholarship,” shared Coleson Chase, Vice President & General Manager of SPS. “While we received many great applications, this year’s recipients demonstrated a true passion for the field. At SPS, we remain committed to being a leader in the O&P profession and collaborating closely with our partners. That’s why we are devoted to investing in the future of the profession by supporting talented and driven students.”

SPS would like to thank all the students who applied.

Please visit **spsco.com/op-master-scholarship** for updates about the 2026 application process.

About SPS

SPS is the leading distributor for orthotic and prosthetic products in the United States. SPS offers over 400,000 O&P products to choose from, including the latest technology in prosthetic feet, prosthetic knees, prosthetic liners, and orthotic devices. Through its strategically positioned distribution centers, SPS can provide thousands of clinics their O&P products within a day or two, enabling them to quickly and efficiently provide for patients. For more information, visit SPS’ website at **www.spsco.com**.

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