AL-MS Section AWWA Undergraduate Scholarship Award Winner

**Tara Liyana**, a senior in civil engineering, is the winner of the AL-MS Section AWWA undergraduate scholarship awarded annually to a student at Auburn University. Tara hails from the Nashville, Tennessee, area and has consistently been near the top of her class. Her interests are varied and include working as an undergraduate research assistant at the National Center for Asphalt Technology, and as a life guard and swim instructor at the James E. Martin Aquatics Center while at Auburn and as head swim coach and lifeguard at the Indian Lake Swim and Tennis Club in Hendersonville, Tennessee. She has been quite active in professional and honor societies, having served as vice president of Chi Epsilon and treasurer of the ACSE student chapter. Following graduation in May, Tara will continue her research work over the summer months and then enroll as a graduate student in the environmental/hydraulics area at Auburn.

AL-MS Section AWWA Graduate Scholarship Award Winner

**Yinhui Xu**, a doctoral student in the civil engineering department at Auburn University, has been awarded the AL-MS Section AWWA Graduate Scholarship. The winner of this scholarship is selected annually from among nominees from Auburn University, Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama. Yinhui, known as Lucida to her classmates, holds both a bachelors degree and a masters degree from Donghua University in Shanghai, China, where she specialized in environmental engineering and expects to receive the PhD degree in civil (environmental) engineering from Auburn in August of this year. She has industrial experience with DuPont Fibers Ltd. In Shanghai and is the author of scholarly papers that have been published in journals in both the US and China. Following graduation, she hopes to find environmental engineering employment in either the academic community or the consulting profession. Her grasp of both theory and practical application should serve her well regardless of the direction her career may take.