

Steven Roach named Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year

Steven Roach was named the American Numismatic Association's Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year during the 2015 Summer Seminar Graduation Banquet for Session 1 on Wednesday, June 24.

The Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year Award annually honors a young collector for contributions to the hobby and industry. Recipients are recognized as emerging leaders who inspire their peers and fellow collectors.

"Nomination for this award is already prestigious, being awarded is the cherry on top! YN of the Year is the greatest accomplishment I've achieved and I hope that this is the key to many opportunities," explained Roach. "Never forget that young collectors are the future of this hobby, and I encourage anyone to sponsor a YN, if possible."

Roach first began collecting when he was eight, after receiving a package of coins from his grandparents. It was the 1936 Buffalo nickel he received that ignited his passion.

He is a member of the Colorado Springs Coin Club, the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society, Early American Coppers (EAC), CONECA and The Elongated Collectors. Steven is an award-winning exhibitor and has presented numerous numismatic talks across Colorado Springs.

Roach is a regular volunteer at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum, has volunteered at the 2014 Colorado Springs Coin Show and the 2014 Chicago World's Fair of Money. He has written a variety of numismatic articles including "The Two Cent Piece: How It Came to Be" and "An Introduction to Pattern Coins."

"I owe my success to those who have helped me in this numismatic journey. Without these fine people my journey would be different," said Roach. "Only a few years ago I started to increase my numismatic activity, and within this time I've given many numismatic presentations, attended my first major coin show, and have done plenty of volunteer work with the ANA."

In 2014, he received two scholarships to the ANA's Summer Seminar, one from the ANA and the other from a local coin club.

Roach hopes to secure a position within the numismatic field while continuing to volunteer at the Money Museum.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related

items. The ANA helps its 25,500 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.