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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEWS:

Another Year, Another \$1 Million in Scholarships from New Jersey's Union Construction Industry

EDISON, NJ – In a time when additional student loans are avoided at all costs, New Jersey's union construction industry is providing financial support for some students. This year, 199 hard-working students were awarded \$1,020,200 to put toward their education. This year's scholarships are just one example of the many contributions New Jersey's union construction industry has put toward building New Jersey's workforce.

The scholarships come from trade associations whose members are the construction companies that hire union craftworkers – and from the unions themselves. "It is always great to see the union construction industry celebrating student's achievements," stated Jack Kocsis, CEO of Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey. "We applaud the students and their parents for their successes, and we wish them the best of luck as they step forward to lead their generation in the construction industry and beyond."



Pictured above are four ACCNJ scholarship recipients who attended the ACCNJ awards event June 5, 2018, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Left to right: Deanna McGee, who attends the University of Alabama; Austin Soares, who attends the University of Miami; Aaron Rhee, who attends Johns Hopkins University; and Elizabeth Perry, who received the Donald R. Waters Scholarship and attends Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy.

A list of the 2018 scholarships, awarded to students attending colleges all over the country, are as follows:

Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey (ACCNJ): 5 scholarships totaling \$62,500 and 1 one-time scholarship totaling \$10,000

Building Contractors Association of South Jersey: 3 scholarships totaling \$12,000

Construction Industry Advancement Program (CIAP): 5 scholarships totaling \$7,500 and 44 internship scholarships totaling \$132,000

Drywall & Interior Systems Contractor Association of NJ (DISCA): 4 scholarships totaling \$80,000 and 2 one-time scholarships totaling \$1,000

Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey: 1 scholarship totaling \$5,000

The Masonry Contractors of New Jersey Endowed Scholarship Fund at NJIT College of Architecture and Design: 4 scholarships totaling \$6,000, plus a study abroad fund that awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$9,000

New Jersey Asphalt Pavement Association: 31 scholarships totaling \$15,700

New Jersey Steel Association: 13 scholarships totaling \$24,000

Utility & Transportation Contractors of New Jersey (UTCA): 5 scholarships totaling \$38,000

International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Locals 4 & 5: 4 scholarships totaling \$20,000

Keystone+Mountain+Lakes Council of Carpenters: 10 scholarships totaling \$150,000

Dockbuilders Local Union 1556: 10 scholarships totaling \$100,000

International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers, Local No. 399: 3 scholarships totaling \$9,000

Laborers International Union of North America (New Jersey): 11 scholarships totaling \$220,000

Operating Engineers Local 825: 9 scholarships totaling \$90,000

Local 7 Tile, Marble and Terrazzo of New Jersey: 23 scholarships totaling \$27,500

About ACCNJ

ACCNJ represents union general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility and institutional construction projects annually and employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers statewide. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey through quality, integrity, skill and responsibility.