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ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS of NEW JERSEY Amid Pandemic, ACCNJ Awards More Than \$100,000 in Scholarships

EDISON, NJ – 2020 has been a year of uncertainty and fear, but for nine students awarded scholarships by ACCNJ, their financial futures are a little clearer. In virtual scholarship ceremonies that took place in late May and early June, ACCNJ's leadership and scholarship committees presented the nine students with a total of \$102,500. The students and their families joined the call to celebrate their achievements.

"While we wish we could have presented the students with their scholarships in person to meet them and their families, we are nonetheless very pleased to be able to celebrate their achievements virtually," said ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis. "The students awarded have a lot to be proud of and have very bright futures ahead of them."

Since 2013, ACCNJ has awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to the children and grandchildren of ACCNJ members. This year, three of the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation awards were named in honor and in memory of respected industry leaders who volunteered countless hours to the Association and the construction industry: Michael M. McHugh, James F. Parry and Donald R. Waters Sr.

- William Higgins, a graduate of Council Rock North High School in Newtown, PA, received the Donald R. Waters Scholarship and will attend Villanova University.
- Isabelle Larche, a graduate of Holliston High School in Holliston, MA, received the Michael M. McHugh Memorial Scholarship and will attend the University of Delaware.
- Alexis Pope, who graduated from Delaware Valley Regional High School in Frenchtown, NJ, received the James F. Parry Memorial Scholarship, and will attend Stevens Institute of Technology.
- Riley McKeon, a graduate of Toms River High School North in Toms River, NJ, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will enter the University of Delaware.
- Mallory McGowan, a graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Iselin, NJ, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will attend The College of New Jersey.

The John F. Donohoe Scholarship, also named in honor and in memory of a renowned industry leader, was established to encourage students currently enrolled in a civil engineering program who seek careers in heavy construction contracting. This year's recipient is Morteza Hagh, a student at Rutgers University.

The Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey merged with the Building Contractors Association of South Jersey (BCASJ) in early 2020. Three BCASJ Legacy Scholarships were awarded:

- Gianna Borelli, a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Hammonton, NJ, will attend Marywood University.
- Kimberly Shaw, who graduated from Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, NJ, is attending Atlantic Cape May Community College.
- Alaina Yula, a graduate of Paul VI High School in Haddonfield, NJ, will attend The College of New Jersey.

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ACCNJ also administers scholarships for the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey (FCINJ). Three FCINJ Scholarships were awarded:

- Hailey Cassidy, who graduated from Donovan Catholic High School in Toms River, NJ, will attend Loyola University Maryland.
- Grace Denton, a graduate of West Morris Central High School in Long Valley, NJ, will attend Syracuse University.
- Paige Donovan, who graduated from Seaford High School in Seaford, NY, will attend Sacred Heart University.

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