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ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS of NEW JERSEY Amid Pandemic, ACCNJ Awards More Than \$150,000 in Scholarships

EDISON, NJ – 2021 has been a year of hope and optimism. In a virtual scholarship ceremony on June 15, ACCNJ's leadership and scholarship committees offered additional hope to eight students with a total of \$100,000. The students and their families joined the call to celebrate their achievements.

"After 14 months of Zoom, we are more than ready to be back in person," says ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis. "But even virtually, there is something special about seeing these students and their families be presented their awards and reminding them the best is yet to come."

Since 2013, ACCNJ has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships to the children and grandchildren of ACCNJ members. This year, two 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: Donald R. Waters Sr. and James Prisco Sr.

- Alexa Petrie, a graduate of Lenape Valley Regional High School in Medford, NJ, received the Donald R. Waters Memorial Scholarship and will attend Dalhousie University.
- Olivia Parry, a graduate of Camden Catholic High School, received the James Prisco Sr. Memorial Scholarship and will attend Catholic University.
- Samantha Barros, who graduated from Kearny High School, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship, and will attend Montclair State University.
- Amanda Brown, a graduate of Toms River High School North in Toms River, NJ, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will enter the University of the Sciences.
- Ileigh Duffy, who graduated from Manasquan High School, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will attend Bryn Mawr University.
- Kathryn Murray, a graduate of Paramus High School, received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will attend Georgetown University.

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 talented pool of recipients led to two awardees: Juan Vera Bedolla of Rowan University and Kayla Fericy of Rowan University.

The Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey merged with the Building Contractors Association of South Jersey (BCASJ) in early 2020. Four BCASJ Legacy Scholarships were awarded totaling \$42,500:

- Ryan Monteith, a graduate of Pitman High School in Pitman, NJ, will attend West Chester University.
- Evan Gallagher, who graduated from Springfield High School in Springfield, NJ, is attending Drexel University.
- Owen Colonna, a graduate of Haddon Heights High School in Haddon Heights, NJ, will attend Rowan University.
- Olivia Parry, who also received an ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship, is a graduate of Camden Catholic High School in Cherry Hill, NJ, and will attend Catholic University.

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In addition, the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey (FCINJ) merged with ACCNJ in 2021. Three FCINJ Legacy Scholarships were awarded totaling \$15,000:

- Ashley Lockwood, who graduated from Smithtown High School West in Smithtown, NY, will attend LIU Post.
- Lauren Bogdan, a graduate of Bernards High School in Bernardsville, NJ, will attend the University of Colorado Boulder.
- Ella Bogdan, who graduated from Bernards High School in Bernardsville, NJ, will attend the University of Colorado Boulder.

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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.