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ACCNJ Awards \$87,500 in Academic Scholarships to Seven Outstanding Students

ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship awarded to six students, John F. Donohoe Scholarship awarded to one civil engineering student



Pictured left to right: Andrew Couto, Samantha Ferretti, Grayson Petrie, Catalina Maglicic, Nicholas Del Vescovo, Arianna D'Amore and Annaliese Manus

Edison, NJ — The [Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey](https://www.accnj.org) (ACCNJ) is proud to announce the organization awarded \$87,500 in academic scholarships to seven outstanding students on June 9, 2026. The scholarships help students pursue higher education and careers in construction and engineering while honoring the legacy of respected industry leaders. ACCNJ has awarded nearly \$1 million in scholarships to 117 students pursuing higher education since 2014.

“This scholarship program reflects two priorities for our organization: supporting the next generation of students and honoring the individuals who helped strengthen our industry,” said **Jack Kocsis Jr., Chief Executive Officer, ACCNJ**. “We are proud to recognize these

outstanding students and support their educational goals and prepare for their future careers."

The ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship was awarded to six children or grandchildren of ACCNJ member employees. One of these awards was presented in honor of Donald R. Waters Sr., a respected industry professional who devoted countless hours of service to the Association and the construction industry. The John F. Donohoe Scholarship, named in memory of a longtime construction industry leader, was awarded to a student enrolled in a civil engineering program pursuing a career in heavy construction contracting.

The recipients of ACCNJ Foundation Scholarships are as follows:

- **Annaliese Manus**, a graduate of Pennsbury High School in Levittown, PA, received the Donald R. Waters Sr. Memorial Scholarship and will attend Penn State University, majoring in Accounting.
- **Arianna D'Amore**, a graduate of Voorhees High School in Califon, will attend West Chester University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Project Management and Business Administration.
- **Nicholas Del Vescovo**, a graduate of West Essex High School in North Caldwell, will attend the University of Miami, majoring in Finance.
- **Samantha Ferretti**, a graduate of Kinnelon High School in Kinnelon, will attend the University of Michigan, majoring in Elementary Education.
- **Catalina Maglicic**, a graduate of Immaculate Heart Academy in Waldwick, will attend the University of Michigan, majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology.
- **Grayson Petrie**, a graduate of Lenape Valley Regional High School, will attend McGill University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

The recipient of the John F. Donohoe Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a college sophomore or junior enrolled in an accredited Civil Engineering program, is as follows:

- **Andrew Couto**, a rising junior at New Jersey Institute of Technology, majoring in Civil Engineering, will intern this summer with Keller.

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