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CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION NEWS: ACCNJ Awards \$50,000 in Scholarships to College Students

EDISON, NJ – At its Annual June Membership Meeting on June 7, 2017, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey (ACCNJ) awarded scholarships totaling \$50,000 to five students through the Association's scholarship programs. Since ACCNJ was formed four years ago by the merger of two construction contractor organizations, it has presented \$200,000 in scholarships.

Also this year, a sixth student received an award through the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey's 9th Annual Scholarships.

The **ACCNJ Foundation Scholarships** are available to high school graduates who are dependents of employees of eligible ACCNJ members, with the award based on character, academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. Three of the Foundation scholarships were named in honor and in memory of respected industry leaders who volunteered countless hours to the Association: Louis A. Garlatti, Gig Manville and Don Waters.

- Neethu Thottakara of West Nyack, New York, a graduate of Clarkstown High School South, received the Donald R. Waters Scholarship and will attend Stony Brook University this fall.
- Eve Hennebery of Chester, a graduate of West Morris Central High School, received the Louis A. Garlatti Memorial Scholarship and will attend the University of Pittsburgh this fall.
- Kieran D. Farrell of Bernardsville, who graduated from Bernard High School, received the Gig Manville Memorial Scholarship and will attend the University of South Carolina this fall.
- Kaitlyn Deo received the ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship and will enter the University of Delaware this fall.

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 was Michael Martello, a student at Manhattan College.

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Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey, an affiliate of ACCNJ, presents its annual scholarship to a high school graduate who is a dependent of an employee of an eligible FCINJ member, with the award based on character, academic performance, extracurricular activities and community service. This year's recipient is Sonja Meberg, a graduate of Pleasantville High School, who will enter Cornell University in the fall.

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.

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Pictured below are four ACCNJ scholarship recipients and the FCINJ recipient who attended the ACCNJ awards event June 7, 2017, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Left to right: Michael Martello, who received the John F. Donohoe Scholarship; Eve Hennebery, who received the Louis A. Garlatti, Sr. Memorial Scholarship; Sonja Meberg, who received the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey scholarship; Neethu Thottakara, who received the Donald R. Waters Scholarship; and Kieran Farrell, who received the Gig Manville Memorial Scholarship.



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