



## **ACEC N.Y. awards scholarships to 24 New York engineering students; \$5,000 award winners include Nyandak and Lewis**

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Twenty-four engineering students attending colleges and universities in NYS will receive \$65,000 collectively in scholarship money from member firms of the American Council of Engineering Companies of N.Y. (ACEC NY). Individual awards range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and are given based on the students' cumulative grade-point average, college activities, work experience and essays on consulting engineering.

Since the program's launch in 2002, ACEC NY has awarded 192 scholarships totaling \$513,000. The scholarship program was implemented to support up-and-coming engineers, thereby supporting the future of N.Y. infrastructure.

Students attending N.Y. metro-area colleges will be honored at ACEC NY's membership luncheon on May 20th at the Union League Club. Students attending upstate colleges will be recognized at the council's winter conference in Albany on January 25th, 2015.

Two students were honored with ACEC NY Merit Scholarships, each in the amount of \$5,000, at the ACEC NY Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on March 29th. Tenzin Nyandak was given an Award of Merit Scholarship in recognition of the NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Thruway Authority, and Nicole Lewis was given an Award of Merit Scholarship in recognition of Related Companies. Awards of Merit are given by ACEC NY to recognize the achievements of a public agency and a private company for outstanding achievements in service to N.Y. communities. NYS DOT and NYSTA were recognized for the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project, as well as their implementation of design-build. Related Companies was recognized for the Hudson Yards development project.

Following is a complete list of the 2014 scholarship winners:

\* \$5,000 Award: ACEC NY Merit Scholarship in honor of the NYS DOT/NYS Thruway Authority: Tenzin Nyandak, University at Buffalo; and ACEC NY Merit Scholarship in honor of Related Companies: Nicole Lewis, Columbia University.

\* \$2,500 Award: ACEC NY eastern region scholarship, Paul Holsberger, University at Buffalo; ACEC NY L.I. region scholarship, Vanessa DePasquale, Hofstra University; ACEC NY Mid-Hudson region scholarship, Koji Muto, University of Rochester; ACEC NY western region scholarship, William Martorana, University at Buffalo; AECOM Scholarship, Kurt Melvin, Rochester Institute of Technology; AKF Group LLC Scholarship, Poornima Aggarwal, Cooper Union; Dagher Engineering, PLLC scholarship, Aye Maung, NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering; Gilsanz Murray Steficek, LLP scholarship, Leslyn Prasad, The City University of N.Y. (CUNY); HAKS Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, P.C. scholarship, Jennifer Mahan, Columbia University; HDR scholarship, Kathilee Kenlock, Columbia University; Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. Scholarship, Roshan Ramkeesoon, Columbia University; Jaros, Baum & Bolles scholarship, Petros Skaliarinis, NYU Polytechnic School

of Engineering; Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, P.C. scholarship in memory of Maria Isabel Ramirez (09-11-01), Caitlin Fedio, Columbia University; Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers scholarship, Greg Phattanachitchon, University at Buffalo; Parsons Brinckerhoff scholarship, Diana Brown, Manhattan College; Pennoni Engineering and Surveying of N.Y., LLC scholarship, Allison Kaminski, Manhattan College; STV Group scholarship, Timothy Gassert, Manhattan College; Sam Schwartz Engineering, D.P.C. scholarship, Hao Pham, Columbia University; Stantec Consulting Services Inc. scholarship, Han John Tse, Stony Brook University; Syska Hennessy Group, Inc. scholarship, Fariyah Begum, NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering; Thornton Tomasetti scholarship, Charles Chen, Manhattan College; and Weidlinger Associates, Inc. scholarship, Mary Lynn Williams, Columbia University.

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