



American Council of Engineering Companies of New York awards \$48,000 in scholarships

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For the 40th year, the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York) will award scholarship money to accomplished undergraduate engineering students attending New York State colleges and universities.

"ACEC New York is proud to support this next generation of engineers, who will soon be making their own contributions to the various engineering fields they choose to enter," said Jay Simson, ACEC New York's executive director.

Following are the scholarship winners:

Jaros, Baum & Bolles Scholarship - \$5,000

* Ryan Walter, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Walter is not only a 4.0 student with a double major in Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering, but he is also an active participant in Engineers for a Sustainable World, where he is leader of a project team, AguaClara, that designs water treatment plants in Honduras. He is also house manager of his fraternity, Zeta Psi, and a member of Cornell's Soccer and Lacrosse clubs.

ACEC New York Scholarship - \$3,000

* Hannah Lee, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Lee is one of the top environmental engineering students at Columbia University. Her numerous activities include being the founder and editor of an online, global journal on sustainable development and serving as committee chair of Engineers Without Borders, during which time she developed and implemented community restrooms in Ghana.

AMA Consulting Engineers, P.C. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Sean McCarthy, Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y. McCarthy knew he wanted to become an engineer from childhood but it wasn't until his experiences at Manhattan College that his interest leaned towards Mechanical Engineering. McCarthy is a member of Pi Tau Sigma, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and recently was selected by his college to visit New Orleans to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

C&S Engineers Inc. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Andrea Robelotto, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. Robelotto, a civil engineering student, is a member of Engineers Without Borders, Alpha Phi, and the civil and environmental engineering student advisory board. She has also gained practical engineering experience as an intern for BBL Construction Services.

DMJM Harris Scholarship - \$2,500

* Zackary Kennett, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Kennett is a Civil Engineering major. He is an active member of Engineers Without Borders and the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. After graduation, Kennett plans to attend graduate school and remain in New York

City to begin his career.

Earth Tech, Inc. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Emily Traversi, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y. Traversi's civil engineering enthusiasm was generated during a volunteer trip to Mexico, where she helped to built houses for the poor. Traversi is a member of the Honors Program, Cost Estimating Team, the Captain of the Women's Varsity Soccer Team, Habitat for Humanity and is a Women In Technology mentor.

Hatch Mott MacDonald Scholarship - \$2,500

* Edwin (Tucker) Cox, Jr., Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y. Cox was drawn to engineering as a high school student while working with an excavation company where he learned to install septic systems, and work on roads and foundations. Always active, Cox is a member of ASCE, the Outdoor Club, the Alexander Graham Bell Association and Habitat for Humanity.

Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Lauren Fong, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Fong is in her third year of Columbia's Earth and Environmental Engineering program. She is vice president for Students United for America and is a member of the Mentorship Board of the Society of Women Engineers. She is known for her social conscience as well as her technical abilities.

Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, P.C. Scholarship in memory of Maria Isabel Ramirez 9/11/01 - \$2,500

* Mohammed Khan, The City College of New York, New York, N.Y. In addition to being an excellent student, Khan is passionate about the environment. He is a member of Engineers Without Borders and Greenproofing: The Environmental Entrepreneurship Program. After a degree in Civil Engineering, Khan plans to pursue a career in sustainable design in New York City.

Mid Hudson Region Scholarship - \$2,500

* Christina Cercone, Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y. Cercone is perusing a civil engineering degree and believes New York City the most challenging and dynamic place to follow an engineering career path. She is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, The American Society of Civil Engineers and The Society of Women Engineers.

Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers - \$2,500

* Amanda Lurie, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Lurie is studying Earth and Environmental Engineering. She prides herself as a strong communicator and big thinker. She is an active member of Columbia's campus where she is a resident assistant and president of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

PB Scholarship - \$2,500

* David Berger, Cooper Union, New York, N.Y. After graduating with a Biology degree from Boston College, Berger realized that biology was the furthest thing from his dream come true. Combining his love for the outdoors and creative thinking, Berger realized that engineering with a focus on sustainable design was his calling. Currently Berger is perusing a civil engineering degree.

Pennoni Engineering of New York, LLC/MS&J Office - \$2,500

* Vivek Zilpelwar, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y. As a child, Zilpelwar would take apart kitchen appliances to see how things worked, clearly the mind of a future mechanical engineer. A member of numerous student organizations including Tau Beta Pi and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Zilpelwar also tutors students needing help with their studies.

STV Group Scholarship - \$2,500

* Michael Meloni, Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y. Meloni is a mechanical engineering student.

After graduation he would like to work in New York City, eventually becoming a manager and CEO of his own engineering firm. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Jeffrey Choi, Cooper Union, New York, N.Y. As a child, Choi loved to build things from his imagination. He is pursuing a civil engineering degree and is a member of The Chinese Student Association. He has also been an active member in the annual A.S.C.E/A.I.S.C Student Steel Bridge Competition.

Thornton Tomasetti Scholarship - \$2,500

* Daniel O'Reilly, The City College of New York, New York, N.Y. Having previously completed a bachelor of arts degree, O'Reilly taught high school math in Arizona for two years. But structural engineering captured his interest, and he is now pursuing that field as a career goal. He is a member of Chi Epsilon, the National Civil Engineering Honor Society and the Steel Bridge Club.

Weidlinger Associates, Inc. Scholarship - \$2,500

* Izik Kohanim, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. With a B.A. degree in physics from Yeshiva University, Kohanim is now working toward a degree in Civil Engineering. Kohanim's other interests include writing for Columbia University's student newsletter and volunteering for the autistic and the mentally retarded at the Hebrew Academy of Special Children.

Western Region Scholarship - \$2,500

* Kristofer Straus, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y. Like all the other civil engineering scholarship winners, Straus excels academically in his studies. He also participates in intramural hockey, soccer and softball. He has gained valuable experience at engineering and construction firms during several internships, and hopes to continue in consulting engineering.