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AGC of Michigan Honors 2019's Brightest & Best

Livonia, Mich.— The future leaders of Michigan's construction industry were honored at the 21st annual "Brightest & Best" luncheon in Livonia.

2019 is the 34th year of the organization's Education Endowment Fund which has been working closely with civil engineering and construction management programs at universities and colleges throughout Michigan. Thanks to fundraising by AGC of Michigan members, since that time the fund's principal balance has grown from \$8,000 to over \$1 million.

"AGC members had a vision of working closely with civil engineering and construction management schools in Michigan to develop students into future leaders of the construction industry," said John Bodary, chair of the AGC of Michigan Higher Education Committee, from Woods Construction, Sterling Heights. The recipients are selected on the basis of academic performance, extracurricular activities, employment experience, financial need, and a demonstrated interest in a construction industry career."

Eight AGC of Michigan scholarships were presented at the luncheon, all valued at \$3,500 and two at \$4,500. They were:

- Catherine Ashbery, EMU - AGC Michigan EEF Scholarship
- Collin Cavin, NMU - AGC Michigan EEF Scholarship
- Spencer Cota, NMU - Leon P. Clark Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship
- Katie Cross, MSU - H.L. "Bud" Conrad Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship
- Maria Milan, MSU - Alton L. Granger Undergraduate Scholarship
- Carolyn Nauta, WMU - AGC Michigan EEF Scholarship
- Jarrett Nuyen, WMU - AGC Michigan EEF Scholarship
- Ryan Pietila, NMU - Louis C. Verrette Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship
- Megan Scherpereel, WMU - AGC Michigan EEF Scholarship
- Connor Thornbury, EMU - O.L. Pfaffmann Construction Industry Scholarship

2019 AGC of America Scholarship Winners

- Catherine Ashbery, EMU - AGC Education & Research Foundation Scholarship
- Josh Duffy, FSU - Consulting Constructors' Council Scholarship Fund
- Jessica Herdegen, EMU - AGC Education & Research Foundation Scholarship
- Cody Nehls, NMU - AGC Education & Research Foundation Scholarship
- Jacob Paruk, WSU - AGC Education & Research Foundation Scholarship

Woods also recognized the AGC of Michigan's summer work program. "Since 1964, 725 students have received experience and a fellowship in addition to great networking opportunities," he observed. For over eleven years it has included both civil engineering and construction management students.

- Matthew Candela, LTU - O'Brien Construction
- Brendan Capuano, MSU - McCarthy & Smith
- Alex DeFlorio, MSU - McCarthy & Smith
- Al-Alam Elie, FSU - Woods Construction
- Brittany Laham, EMU, Woods Construction
- Peter Lim, MTU - McCarthy & Smith
- Lane Perry, MSU - The Christman Company
- Dylan Smith, MSU - The Christman Company
- Samuel Struble, MSU - Spence Brothers
- Brandon Tomlinson, FSU - RC Hendrick & Son

During their internships they've received a salary and, at the conclusion they will be provided a \$1,600 fellowship to help defer book and tuition expenses.

The AGC of Michigan is a full service construction trade association providing safety, education and training, legislative & regulatory advocacy, human resources, labor relations options, construction information, and affinity programs. AGC members are dedicated to skill, integrity and responsibility. For more information, visit www.agcmichigan.org.

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