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BCANJ Awards Four Scholarships Totaling \$10,000

Edison, NJ – Four area students received college scholarships totaling \$10,000 from Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ). Awarded through BCANJ’s 12th Annual Presidents’ Scholarship Program, the scholarships were presented at an awards ceremony and luncheon on June 22, 2010, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The 2010 scholarship recipients were selected from nearly 20 qualified applicants. Each recipient will receive a one-time award of \$2,500 for attending an accredited college or university to help cover the cost of tuition, books, educational supplies, fees, and room-and-board. Established to assist employees of BCANJ active member firms with their children’s and grandchildren’s higher education needs, the program has committed \$279,000 in scholarships to 42 deserving individuals since its inception in 1999.

“For more than a decade, the Presidents’ Scholarship Fund has allowed us to both recognize and support extraordinary students,” said BCANJ Executive Director Darlene Regina. “These four recipients exemplify the best of this country’s educational system, combining a remarkable drive for academic achievement with an admirable record of community service.”

Scholarship Recipients for 2010:

Samantha Burgagni of North Arlington graduated from Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington and enters Rutgers University this fall with plans to major in business.

Lauren Collins of Wilmington, DE, graduated from Archmere Academy in Claymont, DE, and enters Loyola University in Baltimore this fall as an Elementary Education major.

Kristin Kelly of Staten Island graduated from Michael J. Petrides High School and will attend Ithaca College this fall, where she plans to major in Broadcast Journalism.

Rachel Miller of Flemington graduated from Hunterdon Central Regional High School and will attend Northwestern University this fall, where she plans to study Environmental Engineering.

About BCANJ

Established in 1937, Edison-based Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) is made up of some 225 active and associate members who are engaged in commercial, institutional and industrial construction. BCANJ works to unify the construction industry in terms of labor relations, improved business methods and standards, high safety standards, and overall project efficiency and productivity. Through an exchange of services and information, BCANJ members are made aware of issues that directly impact the construction industry in New Jersey.

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Photo Caption:

Samantha Burgagni of North Arlington (center), a graduate of Queen of Peace High School, was the recipient of a 2010 Presidents' Scholarship award of \$2,500 from Building Contractors Association of New Jersey. Samantha received the award from BCANJ at a ceremony and luncheon at Mayfair Farms in West Orange on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. She plans to attend Rutgers University in the fall, majoring in business. Presenting Samantha with the award are BCANJ CEO Jack Kocsis, Jr., and BCANJ Executive Director Darlene Regina.

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