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### **BCANJ Summer Work Program Sponsors 23 Students In Contractor Firms**

**Edison, NJ** – More than 20 area students were placed by the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) as summer interns in 17 construction contractor firms in New Jersey. The students, who the majority of attend colleges in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, experienced first-hand many of the office and jobsite tasks that comprise the daily life of a contractor. Their contractor employers are all members of the BCANJ.

Upon completing their 12-week program, the students returned to school this month with a \$2,000 educational scholarship and a \$1,500 personal grant, tangible support to complement the invaluable knowledge and experience they gained on-the-job. They are enrolled in construction management and engineering programs at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, which partnered with BCANJ 25 years ago to start the program, as well as at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, Drexel University in Philadelphia, Duke University in Durham, NC, Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, and Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

To qualify for the program, the students participated in a mandatory, BCANJ-sponsored OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety & Health Outreach Program at the BCANJ office in Edison. In addition, they have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average and have successfully completed a lengthy roster of construction-related courses that includes, among other topics, mathematics, physics, structural design, surveying and the environment.

“As interns, these students are mentored by the best construction professionals in the state,” said BCANJ Executive Director Darlene Regina. “Many of the students return to their summer employers after graduation, and in turn become mentors for new interns in the program. That continuing cycle has remained strong for more than a quarter-century.”

Member companies who hosted students this summer included Bergen Engineering Co., East Rutherford; Damon G. Douglas Co., Cranford; Epic Management, Inc., Piscataway; Fabi Construction Co., Egg Harbor Twp.; Albert Garlatti Construction Co., Highland Park; Hall Building Corp., Farmingdale; Hall Construction Co., Inc., Howell; Austin Helle Company, Cedar Grove; The Henderson Corp., Raritan; Hunter Roberts Construction Group, Bedminster; March Associates Construction Inc., Wayne; Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp., Pine Brook; Prismatic Development Corp., Fairfield; Stanker & Galetto, Vineland; Turner Construction Co., Somerset; Vericon Construction Company, Westfield; and Wetlands, Inc., River Edge.

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Established in 1937, the 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.

**Interns in the BCANJ 2008 Student Summer Work Program:**

**Tom Ansah of Hillside**, attending NJIT, was selected to work at Epic Management, Inc., of Piscataway, and was assigned to a jobsite in Union City.

**Arthur Aquino of Jersey City**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office of Austin Helle Company, Inc., Cedar Grove, as well as on a jobsite in Jersey City.

**Jessica Barlow of Mountain Lakes**, attending Duke University, was selected to work on a jobsite at Newark Airport for Prismatic Development Corp., Fairfield.

**Jesus Castano of Morristown**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office of Prismatic Development Corp., Fairfield.

**John DiFilippo of Scotch Plains**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office of Damon G. Douglas Co., Cranford.

**Gabriele Felici of Oakland**, attending Pennsylvania College of Technology, was selected to work for Bergen Engineering Co., East Rutherford, in the office and on jobsites.

**Christopher Fierro of Lake Hiawatha**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite for March Associates Construction, Inc., of Wayne.

**Dennis Gurevits of Colonia**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on an Elizabeth jobsite for Prismatic Development Corp., Fairfield.

**Daniel Jacinto of Perth Amboy**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite for Hall Construction Co., Inc., of Howell.

**Tyler Jones of Metuchen**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office of Albert Garlatti Construction Co., Highland Park, as well as on a jobsite in New Brunswick.

**Vincent Lasorsa of Yonkers, NY**, attending Fairleigh Dickinson University, was placed with Damon G. Douglas Co., Cranford, to work on a jobsite in Garden City, NY.

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**Anthony Maldonado of Newark**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite in Newark for Epic Management, Inc., Piscataway.

**Kenneth C. Pollard of Bloomingdale**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office for Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp., Pine Brook.

**Kelton Predestin of East Orange**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite in Orange for Hall Building Corp., Farmingdale.

**Marc Preim of Hammonton**, attending The College of New Jersey, was selected to work on a jobsite for Fabi Construction Co., Egg Harbor Twp.

**Ali S. Rehemtulla of Philadelphia**, attending Drexel University, was selected to work in the office and on jobsites for Stanker & Galetto, Inc., Vineland.

**Herbert (Ted) Reinhold of The Woodlands, TX**, attending Notre Dame University, was selected to work for Vericon Construction Co., Westfield.

**Christopher SanFilippo of Newark**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite in Newark for Hunter Roberts Construction Group, Bedminster.

**Matthew Schick of Toms River**, attending Rutgers, was selected to work for Turner Construction Co., Somerset.

**Sean Scully of Chatham**, attending Pennsylvania College of Technology, was selected to work on a jobsite in Tinton Falls for The Henderson Corp., Raritan.

**Kenneth Smith II of Hamilton**, attending Rutgers, was selected to work for Turner Construction Co. of Somerset.

**Peter Soderman of Paramus**, attending NJIT, was selected to work in the office and on jobsites for Wetlands, Inc., River Edge.

**Raymond J. Tintle of New Milford**, attending NJIT, was selected to work on a jobsite in the Meadowlands for Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp., Pine Brook.

**Individual photos are available upon request.**

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