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MBA & CAP AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO PITT ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Grand Prize Scholarship Recipient Honored at the MBA Annual Membership Dinner

Pittsburgh, PA – The Master Builders' Association (MBA) and the Construction Advancement Program (CAP) awarded three scholarships this year at the MBA's Annual Membership Dinner. The grand prize winner of the three recipients was John Ferragonio, Jr., who received a \$7,500 scholarship. Mr. Ferragonio, Jr. is a student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering.

Additional scholarship recipients were: Michael Quararntillo and Alaina Elias – both also are students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Engineering.

Providing annual scholarships to students in the University of Pittsburgh's Engineering Department is something near and dear to the MBA & CAP. In the early 1990's CAP responded to an inquiry from Pitt's Engineering Department to do a needs assessment of the construction community so that Pitt could expand its engineering studies into areas that would improve the skills and the marketability of its graduates. The CAP Board of Trustees worked with university faculty to help set goals for what is now the Pitt Construction Management Program.

Since the MBA & CAP teamed to provide annual scholarships in 1998, over \$100,000 in scholarships has been provided. This year's grand prize recipient was honored at the 2012 MBA Annual Membership Dinner, held on Friday, January 20, at the Duquesne Club.

About CAP: The Construction Advancement Program is a service organization established in 1961 via the collective bargaining agreements between the MBA and the various building trades unions. The primary function of CAP is to provide services benefiting all persons, management and labor alike, who earn their living in union construction.

About the MBA: Since 1886, the Master Builders' Association have set the standard in Western PA for construction excellence by investing in a skilled workforce, implementing award-winning safety programs and offering the best in management expertise. The MBA is the Western PA Building Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. For more information on the MBA, please visit www.mbawpa.org.

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