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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Foundation Announces 2017 Scholarships and Educational Awards

Manasquan, NJ – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of their education scholarship. Valued at \$1,500, this scholarship is open to MTA/NJ members' children and their employees' children and can be applied to any higher education program. Since 2006, the MTA/NJ Foundation has awarded over \$20,000 to deserving students.

The 2017 MTA/NJ Family Scholarship was awarded to Arianna Hoffman of Brick, NJ. Arianna will begin her sophomore year at Ocean County College this fall and continue her studies. Arianna's mother is employed at Clarks Landing Marina in Point Pleasant.

"We are happy to be able to offer this opportunity to give back to our members, their children and employees and help offset the costs of higher education," stated MTA/NJ Executive Director, Melissa Danko. "We are very thankful to all of our supporters that have helped make this scholarship possible. We look forward to seeing it grow and more students like Arianna achieve their educational and career goals."

In addition to the 2017 MTA/NJ Family Scholarship, the Automotive Training Center in Warminster, Pennsylvania sponsored a half scholarship to their Marine Technician Program. The recipient of the Automotive Training Center scholarship was Matthew Erikson of Barnegat. Matthew is graduating from Barnegat High School as well as Ocean County Vocational Technical School, Toms River Center. After completing training, Matthew plans to return to New Jersey and secure a job as a Marine Technician, where he can continue to keep boaters safe and secure on the water.

The MTA/NJ also awarded an outstanding student award for the purchase of tools for the trade to Dan Wallach from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School.

In addition to scholarships, the MTA/NJ Foundation is working to address workforce issues and help grow the industry through marine training reimbursements, industry certification courses, and educational and training opportunities for members and their employees. For more information about the MTA/NJ Foundation or to make a donation, please contact the MTA/NJ office at 732-292-1051; email: info@mtanj.org.

About the MTA/NJ

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing, and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show.