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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Awards Education Scholarships

Manasquan, New Jersey – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) Foundation awarded two education scholarships to students pursuing careers in the marine industry. The MTA/NJ Foundation was established to help promote boating safety and education and to award Education Scholarships to encourage education and professional development in the marine trades field.

This is the eighth year that the Association has been able to award scholarships to deserving students. The \$1,500 MTA/NJ scholarship was awarded to Bryce Tocci of Brick, NJ. Bryce has lived on the water his whole life and has repaired his own boats for many years. Bryce is graduating in June from Brick Township High School and Ocean County Vocational Technical School and will be enrolling in the Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) in Orlando, FL.

In addition to MTA/NJ's Education 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 William Dominguez of Toms River. William is graduating from Toms River High School South as well as Ocean County Vocational Technical School, Toms River Center. After completing training, William plans on moving back home to Toms River and pursue his career in the marine field.

The MTA/NJ also awarded two outstanding student awards for the purchase of tools for the trade. Bryce Tocci from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School and William Calton from Monmouth County Vocational School were the recipients of the awards.

“All of these individuals have worked hard to pursue their goals and have demonstrated their dedication to the future of the marine trades industry. We are very fortunate and thankful to all of our supporters who enable us to award these scholarships to these deserving students,” stated MTA/NJ Executive Director Melissa Danko.

For more information about the MTA/NJ Foundation or to make a donation, please contact the MTA/NJ offices 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 as a whole for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. 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. In addition, the MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show held in February.