Connecticut Building Congress Recognizes Young Scholars at the 2018 CBC Project Team Awards Banquet!

HARTFORD, Conn –

The Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund presented renewable scholarships to five of Connecticut’s graduating high school seniors at its 22nd Annual Project Team Awards Banquet. Three $2,000 and two $3,000 scholarships were awarded at the event held at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford on Tuesday, June 12.

The awards are based on academic merit, extracurricular activities, career potential and financial need. Applications are accepted only from Connecticut residents who will be studying towards a two- or four-year degree related to the design and construction industry.

The 2018 Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund recipients are:

Yael Canaan  
College: Carnegie Mellon  
Major: Architecture  
High School: Wilbur Cross High School  
Hometown: New Haven

Tessa Carty  
College: Cornell  
Major: Civil Engineering  
High School: Norwich Free Academy  
Hometown: Norwich

Tanya Gianitsos  
College: Roger Williams  
Major: Architecture  
High School: Old Saybrook High School  
Hometown: Old Saybrook

Morgan Daley  
College: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Major: Civil Engineering  
High School: Northwestern Regional 7 High School  
Hometown: Norfolk

Mathieu Letendre  
College: Washington University at St. Louis  
Major: Architecture  
High School: University High School of Science and Engineering  
Hometown: Berlin

Thomas DiBlasi, President of the Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund, and president of DiBlasi Associates, a structural engineering firm based in Monroe, commenting on the value of the scholarships, said, “Encouraging young people to enter the design and construction industry is very important to the success of the state and national economy. We currently are experiencing a workforce shortage on nearly every level. Engineering, architecture and construction management, in particular, compete for students with high tech, science and medical fields.”

“Our industry is also battling a stigma associated with being a skilled construction laborer, such as an electrician, plumber or mason,” explained DiBlasi. “This is where the industry has the biggest need right now. That is why we are looking into expanding our scholarships offerings to technical schools for high school
graduates and adult learners. We realize college isn’t for everyone. You can earn a great living and support a family as a skilled laborer, without incurring the skyrocketing costs of a conventional college education.


The Connecticut Building Congress creates a forum for building professionals to connect, learn, and grow. Since 1952 CBC has been the premier organization for Connecticut’s building professionals to develop strong industry connections.

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CBC Scholarship Fund Vice President John Hawley with CBC’s 2018 Scholarship Recipients (Tanya Gianitsos, Morgan Daley, Mathieu Letendre, Tessa Carty, and Yael Canaan)