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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Awards Education Scholarships and Outstanding Students

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

This is the fifth year that the Association has been able to award scholarships to deserving students. The MTA/NJ was able to once again double the amount of the scholarship thanks to a \$1,500 scholarship award from the Marine Retailers Association of America (MRAA) Education Foundation, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation, that was founded in 2004 to provide financial support for education, training and professional development in the recreational marine trades.

The \$3,000 MTA/NJ scholarship was awarded to Cody Meyer of Port Republic. Cody, whose family owns Chestnut Neck Boat Works, currently works as a First Mate on a charter fishing boat. Cody recently graduated from Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing and plans to further his marine education at Stockton College in Pomona, NJ. He also plans to study marine

fisheries management and work as an advocate and educator for the advancement of New Jersey's marine resources and the success of the marine industry.

In addition to MTA/NJ's Education Scholarship, the Automotive Training Center in Warminster, Pennsylvania sponsored a full scholarship to their Marine Technician Program. The recipient of the Automotive Training Center scholarship was Philip Connell of Point Pleasant. Philip graduated from Point Pleasant Borough High School and Ocean County Vocational Technical School and, after completing training, plans to pursue a marine technician career.

The MTA/NJ also awarded two outstanding student awards for the purchase of tools for the trade. Philip Connell from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School and Michael Cullen from the Monmouth County Vocational Technical School were the two recipients of the awards.

"All of these individuals have demonstrated their dedication to the future of the marine trades industry by working hard and incorporating studies of this field into their academics." stated MTA/NJ Executive Director Melissa Danko. "We congratulate them all for their efforts and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors."

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 and comprised of over 300 marine related businesses, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting 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. Visit mtanj.org for more information.

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