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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 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 sixth year that the Association has been able to award scholarships to deserving students. The \$1,500 MTA/NJ scholarship was awarded to Kevin Chapman of West Long Branch. Kevin has been around boating most of his life, learning how to maintain and work on engines with his Dad. Kevin is graduating from Shore Regional High School in West Long Branch and plans to further his marine education at Automotive Training Center in Warminster, PA in the Marine Technician Program.

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 Kevin Stoop. Kevin is graduating from Overbrook Senior High School in Pine Hill, NJ and, after completing training, plans to pursue a marine technician career.

The MTA/NJ also awarded an outstanding student award for the purchase of tools for the trade. Josh Healey from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School was the recipient of the award.

“We are very pleased to be able to award education scholarships to these deserving individuals that have demonstrated their dedication to the future of the marine trades industry. They have all worked very hard to pursue their goals and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.” 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](mailto:info@mtanj.org).

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### **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](http://mtanj.org) for more information.

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