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## **Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Awards Education Scholarships and Outstanding Student Awards**

**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 award Education Scholarships to encourage education and professional development in the marine trades field.

This is the seventh year that the Association has been able to award scholarships to deserving students. The \$3,000 MTA/NJ scholarship was awarded to Matthew Curcio of Manahawkin, NJ. Since a young age, Matthew has worked on his uncle's boat in Long Island as a deckhand and always wanted to know more about the mechanics that were employed to steer water crafts. Matthew is graduating from Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin and Ocean County Vocational Technical School and plans to further his marine education at 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 John Sontag of Toms River. John is graduating from Toms River High School East as well as Ocean County Vocational Technical School, Toms River Center. After completing training, John plans to pursue a marine technician career.

The MTA/NJ also awarded two outstanding student awards for the purchase of tools for the trade. Milton Cortina from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School and Ben Bremner 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](mailto: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.