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## Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Foundation Announces 2016 Scholarships and Awards

**Manasquan, NJ** – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of their education scholarship. Valued at \$1,500, this scholarship is open to MTA/NJ members' children and their employees' children and can be applied to any higher education program. Since 2006, the MTA/NJ Foundation has awarded nearly \$20,000 to deserving students.

The 2016 MTA/NJ Family Scholarship was awarded to Rachael Castellini of Bridgeton, NJ. Rachael will begin her senior year at Kansas State University this fall, where she studies Psychology and Mass Communications. Rachael's father is the Owner of Island Marine Center in Ocean View.

"We are happy to be able to offer this opportunity to give back to our members, their children and employees and help offset the costs of higher education," stated MTA/NJ Executive Director, Melissa Danko. "We are very thankful to all of our supporters that have helped make this scholarship possible. We look forward to seeing it grow and more students like Rachael achieve their educational and career goals."

In addition to the 2016 MTA/NJ Family 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 Jacob Yeager of Ortley Beach. Jacob is graduating from Toms River High School East as well as Ocean County Vocational Technical School, Toms River Center. After completing training, Jacob plans on pursuing his career in the marine field with the hopes of eventually opening his own marine mechanic shop in his hometown of Ortley Beach.

The MTA/NJ also awarded an outstanding student award for the purchase of tools for the trade to Sam Hutchison from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School.

In addition to scholarships, the MTA/NJ Foundation helps to grow the industry and support the workforce through marine training reimbursements, industry certification courses, and other educational opportunities for members. For more information about the MTA/NJ Foundation or to make a donation, please contact the MTA/NJ office at 732-292-1051; email: <a href="mailto:info@mtanj.org">info@mtanj.org</a>.

## 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.