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ACEC Colorado Scholarship & Education Foundation Awards $33,000 this Year to 11 Students Pursuing Education in Engineering

DENVER (June 6, 2019) — The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado Scholarship & Education Foundation (ACEC Colorado Foundation) recently awarded $28,500 in college scholarships to nine students during, as well as an additional $4,500 to two high school students pursuing education in engineering.

The 2019 scholarship recipients were selected from a pool of 22 applicants representing multiple Colorado colleges with engineering programs accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology. Applicants were judged on their academic records, involvement in student chapters of professional organizations and community service.

Several memorial scholarships were awarded in honor of engineers and others who have contributed to Colorado’s consulting engineering industry. Kyle Beller, a civil engineering student at Colorado School of Mines (Golden), received the $6,000 Leonard Rice Memorial Scholarship. Celeste Carmignani, a civil engineering student at Colorado School of Mines, received the $5,000 William Russell Stoneman Scholarship. Erin Nebel, a civil engineering student at University of Colorado (Boulder) was awarded the $4,000 Fu Hua Chen Scholarship. Theresa O’Donnell-Sloan, a civil engineering student at Colorado State University (Fort Collins), accepted the Muller Engineering James M. Condon Memorial Scholarship. Benjamin Butler, an electrical engineering student at Colorado School of Mines, received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Colorado’s $2,500 Jack Bruce Memorial Scholarship. The $2,000 Sandy Donnel Memorial Scholarship was awarded to civil engineering student Daniel Sanchez of Colorado State University.

ACEC Colorado scholarships in the amount of $2,000 each were awarded to Nicole Bourdon, a petroleum engineering student at Colorado School of Mines; Katrina Lidgard, an electrical engineering student at Colorado School of Mines; and Andrew Volt, a civil engineering student at Colorado State University.

ACEC Colorado Foundation also provides educational support to organizations that promote math and science to high school students by awarding $2,500 to the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program and $2,000 to Colorado’s annual High School Bridge Building Contest, which is sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Society of Professional Engineers of Colorado, and ACEC Colorado.

The scholarship recipients were selected by a committee of ACEC Colorado Foundation volunteers including Jeff Kobriger, PE (HCDA Engineering); Les Botham, PE (retired from Leonard Rice Engineers); Steve Hibbeler, PE (Muller Engineering); Dixie Shear, PE, (member of APWA Colorado); Bryant Walters, PE (Collins Engineers); and Sarah Zarzecki, PE (Stanley Consultants).

ACEC Colorado Foundation funding is supported by individual and corporate contributions as well as proceeds from an annual golf tournament, scheduled this year for Monday, July 29, at Hiwan Golf Club (Evergreen, Colo.). For more information, visit http://acec-co.org/scholarships-for-students/.

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Editor's Note: Attached for use Beller.jpg with suggested caption: “ACEC Colorado 2019 Leonard Rice Memorial Scholarship recipient Kyle Beller receives award from ACEC Colorado Foundation volunteer Les Botham (l) and President Jeff Kobriger, PE (r).” Additional photos available upon request.

ACEC Colorado is the business association of 250 member firms employing more than 500 individuals in the independent private practice of consulting engineering. The organization is a primary resource for accessing engineering information, expertise, and business ethics practices. The ACEC Colorado Foundation supports and promotes education in the field of engineering within Colorado by raising awareness of consulting engineering as a career choice and utilizing the combined resources of ACEC Colorado members and industry partners to become more impactful in the fundraising and sustainability of Foundation assets.