



## DFI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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#### DFI Educational Trust **Current Activities**

The Deep Foundations Institute Educational Trust is looking forward to continuing its progress towards fulfilling its goal to raise \$500,000 for the endowment fund following a successful first year in 2006. Activities and events planned for 2007 include:

- Three golf fundraising events
- High School scholarship program
- Fine Art for the office
- Student field trips
- Annual gala banquet in New York City

This year there will be three golf outings including Pittsburgh, PA in the East on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Chartiers Country Club, Pleasanton, CA on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Castlewood Country Club and the addition of a pre-conference outing in Colorado Springs on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Broadmoor Mountain Course. The golf events have proved to be fun activities for participants and their guest and an easy way to raise funds. Planning is also underway for this year's gala dinner in New York City, tentatively in the month of November. It's going to be hard to top last year's event, but we know you will enjoy this great evening in the Big Apple. Plan on making it a special event for you and your guest to contribute to a worthy cause and enjoy America's greatest city.

The Trust is pleased to announce a partnership with the ACE Mentor Program which shares the Trust's goals for encouraging youths in pursuing careers in the construction industry; their focus being Architecture, Construction, or Engineering and the Trust's being deep foundations construction and geotechnical engineering. Through ACE, the Trust is distributing their 2007 scholarships, three awards of \$3,000 each, to high school students with an interest in civil engineering or construction management. Two awards have already been distributed, one to a student in San Francisco and the second in New York City. The third is to be awarded in the Tennessee area later this year. Another student activity being planned by the Trust is field trips to construction sites in order to increase college students' awareness of deep foundations construction methods.

Lastly, a new fundraising effort is being rolled out this year, titled "Fine Art for the Office". The program utilizes the talents of artist Peggy Magovern who will create a unique portrait or scene that you may wish to hang on your office wall depicting a favorite work scene or a founder of the firm. Bring a photo of the person or work scene you would like created to the Trust booth at the DFI Annual Conference on Deep Foundations on October 11-13, 2007 and support the Trust's goals while at the same time procuring a fine piece of art for your office.

The DFI Educational Trust was established in 2006 to enable better industry-academia communications, build appeal of the construction industry to students, and allow better professional education opportunities to persons in the geotechnical engineering and deep foundations construction fields. When you support the DFI Educational Trust with your tax deductible contributions you are helping young students discover the secret of how rewarding a career in the deep foundation industry can be.

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