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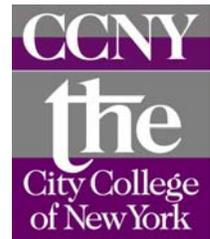
Stanley Merjan City College of New York Civil Engineering Scholarship

August 2010, Hawthorne, NJ: The DFI Educational Trust announces the formation of a Scholarship Committee for the purpose of raising funds to support an endowed scholarship of at least \$10,000 per year to the City College of New York (CCNY) Civil Engineering Department. Currently the Trust disburses a minimum of \$50,000 per year through the Berkel & Company Contractors Scholarship Fund to the civil engineering departments of Auburn University, Carnegie Mellon University, University of California Berkeley and University of Illinois. To continue the Trust goal of adding other Universities to the scholarship recipient list, Trust Vice Chair David Coleman of Underpinning & Foundation Skanska (UFS) has taken the lead on the CCNY scholarship drive.



Stanley Merjan, currently a Senior Consultant at UFS where he started as field superintendant in 1953 and a 1948 graduate of CCNY with a B.C.E., has agreed to kick off the endowment with a substantial personal donation. In honor of this generous contribution it has been decided to name the scholarship fund in his honor. The ultimate goal of the CCNY scholarship committee is to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for the fund to be self sustaining and provide at least two CCNY undergraduate civil engineering students with scholarships. The criteria for scholarship recipients are that they demonstrate a financial need and have shown an interest in the deep foundation industry via civil or geotechnical engineering. Each year the student recipients will be recognized at the DFI Educational Trust Annual Gala Dinner held every November in the New York/New Jersey area. The first recipients will be honored at this year's event which is on November 9 at Battery Gardens Restaurant in New York City where guest speaker, Arthur D. Silber, Assistant Executive Director for NJ Transit, will speak about the \$8.7 Billion ARC Tunnel project.

In addition to Mr. Coleman's leadership of the scholarship committee as chairman and responsibility for corporate donor solicitations, Alfranio Prado and Alfredas Daugiala are assisting with individual and alumni donations respectively. The Trust's intention was made known to CCNY at a meeting on April 28th with CCNY's Executive Director of Development and Institutional Advancement, Rosemary S. Weiss. CCNY's engineering program is ranked ninth in the nation in its category of public colleges with a yearly engineering school graduating class of about 30 students. They are delighted with the Trust's efforts to provide these scholarship opportunities to their students and will encourage their student body to form a DFI Student Chapter.



To contribute to this effort, [click here for a donor form](#) or contact DFI Educational Trust Headquarters at staff@dfi.org or 973-423-4030 for further information on this fund, the Trust's activities, CCNY and Mr. Stanley Merjan. All contributions are welcome but to be recognized as a Founding Donor on the bronze plaque that will be displayed in the lobby of the CCNY Grove School of Engineering, corporations must donate a minimum of \$5,000 to be listed as a Supporting Corporate Founder or provide \$10,000 or more to be listed as a Cornerstone Corporate Founder. Individuals donating at least \$1,000 will be recognized as Individual Founders.

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