

Report to Friends of the
**Concrete
Industry
Foundation**

Spring 2008



A Message from CIF's President



Dear Friends -

Our Foundation, and the entire concrete industry, lost a dear friend and colleague at the end of March with the passing of Lee Principe. One of his many activities was to serve on our Board where he contributed both well-informed guidance and a geniality that lightened our meetings. To say that he will be missed is an understatement.

On a happier note, the Foundation has made great strides since we last published a formal report. With the addition of Vince DeSimone last September, we now have five members of the CIF Humanitarian Fellowship, and with the addition of Lee Principe we celebrate the contributions of three people whose Distinguished Service to education has been exemplary.

We have received several new contributions over the last months that will permit us to undertake new initiatives. Planning has begun on the award of the first Dominick & Josephine DeSimone Scholarship which will go to a student of particular need.

At our September luncheon, Al Gerosa announced the establishment of the CIF Raymond Heun Scholarship for Members of the Cement League. We are honored to have this way of remembering a valued colleague.

In January, we established a web site, with the initial goal of accepting scholarship applications over the internet. Please "visit us" at www.concreteindustryfoundation.org.

A glance at the list of those who have chosen to contribute to the CIF shows that the goals of the Foundation have broad support within our industry. It is those contributions, large and small, that make the work of the CIF possible. We have said it before but it bears saying again: a contribution to the Foundation is an investment in the future of our industry. Please consider making that investment.

— Jim Halpin

Save This Date – September 17, 2008

The Concrete Industry Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2008 Humanitarian Fellow Medal will be presented jointly to **Charles Thornton** and **Richard Tomasetti**. The 2008 James Anderson Distinguished Service Award for Education will be presented to **Joseph A. Ferrara**. The awards, along with 2008 scholarships, will be presented on September 17th, 2008 at noon at the New York Athletic Club. Please plan to join us.

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At CIF's September 2007 Luncheon - Awards, Scholarships and New Programs

The Concrete Industry Foundation's annual scholarship and awards presentation luncheon, held every September, recognizes the leadership contributions of senior members of the industry while helping to underwrite the studies of students who plan a career in the concrete built environment. The 2007 luncheon, in a testament to those honored, was attended by over 300 colleagues and friends who gathered to celebrate their accomplishments.

This year's CIF Humanitarian Fellow medal was presented to Vincent J. DeSimone, founder of DeSimone Consulting Engineers. The Foundation's citation said that through education, dedication, spirit and hard work, Mr. DeSimone became a world-class engineer, entrepreneur and founder of one of the city's most prestigious design firms. "In doing so he never forgot his beginnings or abandoned his roots or his heritage, and this

is to the benefit of the future generations who never believed that they would have the opportunity of education."

The James Anderson Distinguished Service Award for Education was given to Lee J. Principe for "his commitment of time and expertise, combined with the creative thinking that he has brought to education in the concrete industry."

In memory of a valued colleague and friend, the Foundation announced the establishment of the Raymond Heun Scholarship for Members of the Cement League, funded by a generous contribution from the Cement League Advancement Fund. To be presented for the first time in 2008, it is designated for families of union concrete subcontractors and union locals associated with concrete construction.

In 2007, CIF awarded six scholarships and a grant to the Metallic Lathers Union Apprentices Program, Local 46. See page 4.



CIF 2007 Humanitarian Fellow Vincent DeSimone, Stephen DeSimone, CIF Board member Tony Limbardo (left) and CIF President Jim Halpin (right).

Congratulations, 2007 Scholarship Winners

The Francis J. and Lee J. Principe Scholarship in memory of Virginia Anne Principe to Haleh Mousavi, SUNY Buffalo, Master of Architecture/MBA, 2008.

The Alfred Gerosa Scholarship to Qian (Amanda) Li, Penn State University, Bachelor of Architecture, 2009.

The Concrete Industry Board Scholarship to Scott S. Rhodehamel, SUNY Buffalo, Master of Architecture, 2008.

The Jack W. Weber Scholarship to Craig Thomas, University of Connecticut, BSE in Civil Engineering, 2007.

The Gustav Erlemann Scholarship to Xiaojun Wang, City University of New York, PhD in Civil Engineering, 2008.

The Frank Principe Scholarship for Industry Interns (not awarded in 2007)

The Joseph DePaola Grant to the Metallic Lathers Union Apprentice Program - Local 46.

The CIF Lottery Scholarship for the CIB Golf Outing to Lynn Karlsen, (daughter of a Local 46 member), a student at Dowling College.



Xiaojun Wang, student at CUNY, receiving his scholarship from CIF Board member Tony Limbardo.

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CIF 2007 Scholarship Recipients – In Their Own Words

Students who apply for CIF scholarships are required to write an essay describing their personal and career objectives, particularly those relating to architecture, engineering and the construction industry. The following are excerpts from the essays of this year's recipients.

Scott Rhodehamel, candidate for Master of Architecture in 2008 from SUNY Buffalo.

"Education is a privileged and entails certain responsibilities...I will seek to work in a firm where I am confronted with the issues of community and the environment...I hope to pursue action that is in the benefit of others."

Craig Thomas, candidate for BSE in Civil Engineering in December 2007 from the University of Connecticut. *"One thing I have learned at UConn is that it is important to never stop learning and I plan to pursue my PhD in the future as well as earning my MBA."*

Xiaojun Wang, candidate for PhD in Civil Engineering in September 2008 from the City

University of New York. *"I am inspired by the opportunity to work with Professor Subramanian who is accomplished in cementitious material and concrete. I also work with Professor Lin to understand numerical technologies in concrete analysis...I am beginning to appreciate the diversity that civil engineering will offer."*



CIF President Jim Halpin with scholarship winner Xiaojun Wang (left) and his CUNY advisor, Professor Feng-Bao Lin.

Haleh Mousavi, candidate for Master of Architecture/MBA in May 2008 from SUNY Buffalo.

"Throughout my study I have taken classes that provide me with the knowledge of environmentally conscious design...I have gained hands-on experience in architectural design and construction by volunteering at Habitat for Humanity."

Qian (Amanda) Li, candidate for Bachelor of Architecture in May 2009 from Penn State.

"'Process' – I love this word. I loved it long before it became saturated with its multiple design nuances and architectural undertones...The major I chose constructed its foundations on process."

From a student —

The CIF received a letter this winter from a 2007 scholarship recipient. It reads in part, *"I want to thank you for the motivation to continue to do well in school and to complete my degree. I look forward to being able to give back to the community once I begin my career. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals."* — Amanda Li

About the Foundation

The Concrete Industry Foundation Inc. (CIF) was established in 1993 to provide financial assistance to students preparing for careers in the design and construction industry, with special emphasis on study related to concrete.

The Foundation provides scholarships and grants for study at the graduate, undergraduate, technical college and apprentice levels to residents of the New York City Metropolitan Area who are studying at accredited schools and programs in the United States.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1996, the CIF has made 65 grants. All scholarships are funded without touching the Foundation's inviolate principal. The Foundation's work is supported by contributions from the design and construction industry, in particular from those involved in the many phases of concrete design and production.

Our Web Site

The Foundation's new web site went on-line in January 2008. In addition to information on CIF's mission, supporters, and activities, the site contains complete information on how to apply for financial assistance. Beginning this year applications for scholarships will be accepted electronically. The address is www.concreteindustryfoundation.org.

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At Our Awards Luncheon...



Vince and Stephen DeSimone, with the CIF Humanitarian Fellow medal.



Jack Brunetti and Al Gerosa from the Cement League (left) with Joe Goldreich and Jim Halpin from the CIF.



CIF Director Carmine Attanasio (left) with Mike Mota of CRSI, a 2004 scholarship recipient.

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