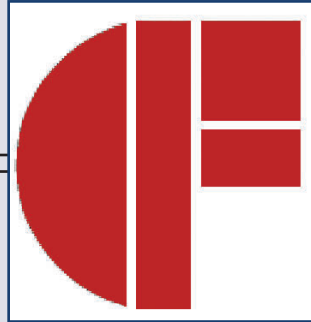


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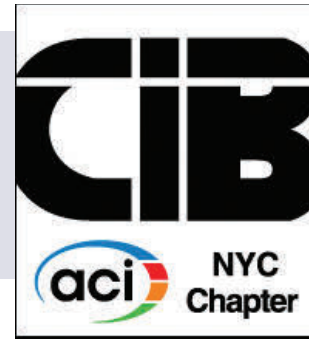
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From the Presidents



Recently, I had the opportunity to visit Machu Picchu. Yes, one of the sites on my bucket list, and in fact, recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Upon first sighting, I was in awe! To think that over 500 years

ago, leaders had the vision to construct palaces, temples and dwellings out of only stone and mortar. I instantly connected our concrete industry with the Inca constructors. Their wants and ours were very similar: to build the best structures possible that would withstand the tests of time and last almost forever.

Our industry is in great hands with the leaders and future superstars we are honoring at this year's dinner. The Concrete Industry Foundation is happy and grateful for your sharing this event with us. With your continued support and contributions to the scholarship fund, you are ensuring there will be many more residential, business and public-work dwellings throughout the metropolitan area being designed and constructed for years to come!



Jerry Parnes
President,
Concrete Industry Foundation

As president of the Concrete Industry Board, it is my great honor and privilege to welcome all of you to this special inaugural celebration. The CIB and the CIF have joined forces to honor three very special individuals: Ramon Gilsanz for his humanitarian dedication, William Sandbrook for his distinguished service and the CIB's past president, Michael Welch.

All of these individuals are outstanding models for our industry. Their years of hard work, dedication, and contributions have singled them out, not only professionally, but also as individuals.

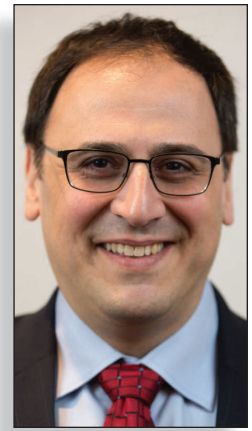
Last year, the CIB went through some organizational challenges. But it's not to say these changes weren't for the betterment of the CIB. The new CIB Executive Board and Board of Directors are energized and eager to provide new ways to promote quality concrete. The CIB has challenged itself in exploring new ways to provide informative technical seminars, present emerging technologies, ideas as well as professional education and certifications. Our goal is not only to include current industry professionals and colleagues, but to reach out to a generation entering in our concrete realm.

The CIB has launched a young members' committee. This committee is tasked to create social media connections and establish a network of young women and men who will be the future leaders in our industry.

The CIB will be organizing mini information events, featuring topics from concrete basics to emerging innovations, as well as field trips that will include production facilities, quarries, and featured construction sites to see concrete in action.

As we incorporate and embrace new ways to connect, the CIB welcomes you to these events to learn, network and mentor.

The Concrete Industry Board congratulates not only the honorees but also the 2019 scholarship winners pursuing careers in the various fields of engineering. Special recognition is given to Michael Welch for the time and dedication he's provided to the CIB.



Michael Marchese
President,
Concrete Industry Board

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CIF and CIB: An effective and unifying industry force

It is appropriate in this inaugural “Salute the Finest” Awards Journal to recognize the synergy of both organizations, the Concrete Industry Board and the Concrete Industry Foundation.

As with any large family, these groups are truly as close as brothers...and complementary to each other. One need look no further than the CIB past presidents list to see the names of those currently working and serving on the CIF Board: Attanasio, Parnes, Bognacki, Marchese, Grecco, Hough, and Limbardo.



Carmine Attanasio, CIF board chairman, said, “This new synergy is a win-win situation for the benefit of the New York City concrete industry. The Concrete Industry Foundation, created 26 years ago to enhance Roger Corbetta’s dream, was originally called the Concrete Industry Board Educational Fund.” He said the CIF founders’ intent—all past CIB presidents—was to more closely identify the Concrete Industry Board as an arm of the New York City construction industry that cre-

ated funding for education and research to foster and expand an enduring concrete-built environment.

“We wanted to do it for the benefit of the New York concrete industry,” Carmine said. “I am very excited about our coming together and this new joint venture.”

Equally excited is Jerry Parnes, Foundation president. In his President’s Message found on page 3 of this journal, he expresses his belief that “our Industry is in the great hands with the leaders and future superstars we are honoring at this year’s dinner.”



He said there is a pronounced recognition and receptivity on behalf of both associations to return to fundamentals, “recognizing that together, each organization has the ability to achieve significant things for the industry.”

Said CIF Founder and Director Tony Limbardo, “The significance is the difference, but the difference should not imply separation. The difference should be complementary and supplementary.” He said it is his belief that what



CIB’s founding father, Roger Corbetta, “envisioned was a mechanism, not only to improve the quality of the concrete in this city, but improving the quality of concrete industry in New York City. When the CIF was first formed under the auspices of the CIB past presidents, it was in keeping with that Corbetta tradition.”

Improving and sustaining the quality of the industry by promoting education, not only among college-educated students, but among the construction trades as well, became the mantra of the CIF and the expansion of that goal.

Reg Hough has been the recognized “elder statesman” of the Foundation and its scholarship awards program. He exemplifies the fact that the CIF is built on the concept of “volunteerism.” Since the first scholarships were awarded in 1993, he has exemplified the desire to aid future generations of bright, talented,

Concrete Is My Business

Enduring words by the late Roger Corbetta

Concrete is my business. My future welfare and the well-being of my family depend on the quality of the work I do.

I have chosen concrete out of all the construction materials of the earth as the one in which to specialize. I have done this because I feel that concrete is a material of integrity. Mixed and placed with understanding hands, concrete will not fail. Therefore, the work I do well now will survive and serve long after I am gone.

Concrete walls impound billions of gallons of water for relief of a thirsty desert, or hold safe from spoilage and rodents millions of bushels of life-giving grain.

Concrete bridges the broadest rivers and holds back devouring floods from cities and towns. Concrete towers rear their proud heads toward the blue. Concrete shafts and tunnels pierce the black depths of the earth or penetrate beneath the waters.

Concrete builds a safe pathway for the daring miracles of steel, chromium and glass which link our cities and towns.

For my customers, a concrete home will protect and safeguard their loved ones from the dragons of fire or the rending violence of storms day and night, in all seasons, in all climates. Concrete is strong.

For the architects whom I serve, concrete is a design medium with which they can create structures of beauty and charm, of rare delicacy and sturdy utility.

Future generations will enjoy the things we of today have wrought of concrete for it is a material of integrity and will endure.

Because I respect and love this material, I can serve my country, my community and those to come after me by doing my work intelligently and honestly, thus creating useful things that endure.

Concrete is my business. I am proud of it.

motivated, and equally dedicated future leaders. He implemented the criteria for awarding scholarships and grants to students who, at the graduate, undergraduate, technical college, and apprentice levels, are preparing to work as engineers, architects, inspectors, technicians, or constructors.

The CIF and CIB directors all agree that this “rapprochement”—this new synergy—is a major accomplishment and something to be noted and celebrated.

Summing up, Carmine said, “We are also appreciative that in agreement with the CIB, all contributions received for this year’s event will be deposited directly into the CIF’s Scholarship Fund.”



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The CIF traditionally presents two annual industry recognition awards to acknowledge the leadership roles taken by individual members of our concrete community that further our industry through continuing education. The CIF Humanitarian Medal is presented “for dedication to the industry, community, and society (resulting) in outstanding benefit to future generations.” The James Anderson Distinguished Service Award for Education is awarded “to acknowledge exceptional service to the education of future members of our industry.”

In addition, the Concrete Industry Foundation has established and continues to support an annual grant in union apprentice programs. This is done on a rotational schedule for all trades that have a direct association with concrete construction. The CIF affirms its support of the trade unions’ apprentice programs and readily acknowledges that a high level of training is a most important vehicle in supplying our industry with trained craftspersons. These grants recognize one of labor’s significant contributions both to education and to the industry.

The Concrete Industry Foundation is built on the concept of volunteerism. It has no paid staff. It is a totally volunteer effort involving the considerable and diverse talents of dedicated senior professionals. They all share a common bond: a desire to aid future generations of bright, talented, motivated, and equally dedicated future leaders. Since 1996, when CIF awarded its first scholarships, each award has been funded and continues to be funded without touching the foundation’s inviolate principal. While always looking ahead, the Concrete Industry Foundation’s focus is also on the student experience today.

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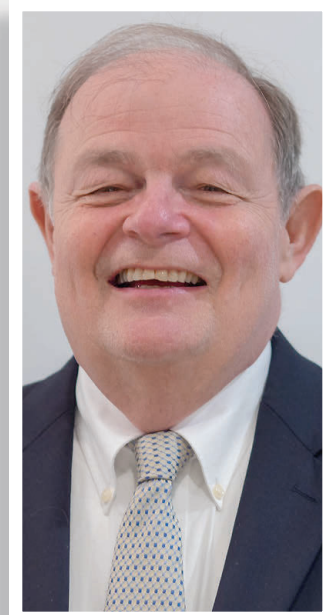
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He is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) and is actively involved in the structural engineering community. He chairs the New York City Department of Buildings' Structural Technical Committee (responsible for the 2014 revision of the NYC Building Code) and is director of the U.S. Resiliency Council (USRC). He serves on several committees for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Concrete Institute (ACI), American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC).

Gilsanz has held the following positions: president of the Applied Technology Council (ATC), director for the New York/Northeast Chapter of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI), chair of the Structural Code Committee and board member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC), and honorary member, president and chair of the code committee of the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY). He has served on the Code Advisory Committee for the National Council of Structural Engineers (NCSEA) and on numerous New York City committees on standards including the WTC Task Force which prepared recommendations.

Gilsanz has participated on numerous post-disaster investigative teams, traveling to Mexico City, Ecuador, Taiwan, Greece, Virginia and Chile to investigate earthquake preparedness and recovery, as well as seismic code issues. He participated in the NYC DOB building assessment efforts on post-Hurricane Sandy and for the World Trade Center. He participated in the national ASCE-FEMA building performance assessment team investigating the World Trade Center attack (FEMA 403), leading the WTC7 collapse analysis.

In 2017, Gilsanz was named an honorary member of AIA New York State in recognition of significant accomplishments in the profession of architecture and the arts and sciences. In 2014, the American Society of Civil Engineers awarded Ramon the Homer Gage Balcom Lifetime Achievement Award for a lifetime of achievement in the structural engineering of buildings, along with advances to the state-of-the-art.

In 2012, Gilsanz was named an Honorary Member of SEAoNY. In 2003, he received a Special Recognition award from The Concrete Industry Board. In 2002, he was recognized for his work heading the SEAoNY Collaboration for work at Ground Zero by Engineering News Record, NY Construction News, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Gilsanz has served on the board of trustees for the United Nations International School (UNIS), taught at Parsons School of Design and Columbia University, and participated for more than 20 years in the New York City CANstruction competition, a charity event to fight hunger.

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William J. (Bill) Sandbrook joined U.S. Concrete from Oldcastle Products where he had served as its chief executive officer of Oldcastle Architectural. Before that, he was president of Oldcastle Materials West Division.

Sandbrook is a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After receiving his Bachelor of Science with concentrations in management and applied science, he spent 13 years in the U.S. Army.

His service included a four-year tour in Germany in cavalry and engineering units, three years as an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics at the military academy and two years as the Army program representative to Raytheon. While teaching at West Point, Sandbrook also served as a social aide to President Ronald Reagan and earned his Professional Engineer's License (PE) in industrial engineering.

In addition to his qualifications as an Army Ranger, Sandbrook earned four Master's degrees while in the service. He received an MBA from Wharton, a Master's in Science in Systems Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master's in Public Policy from the Naval War College and Master of Arts in International Relations from Salve Regina University.

Sandbrook joined Tilcon New York as vice president in 1992 and became president and CEO three years later. In 1996, Tilcon was acquired by Oldcastle Materials.

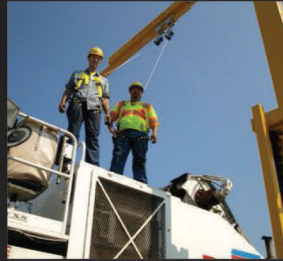
In recognition of his efforts at Ground Zero after the September 11th bombing of the World Trade Center, Sandbrook was named the Rockland County, NY, 2002 Business Leader of the Year, the Dominican College 2002 Man of the Year and the American Red Cross 2003 Man of the Year for southern New York.

Sandbrook was appointed president of Oldcastle Materials' West Division in 2003. In July 2006, Sandbrook was promoted to CEO of Oldcastle Architectural, responsible for the group's U.S. and Canadian operations as well as CRH's businesses in South America. With more than 7,000 employees under his leadership, Oldcastle Architectural's annual revenues exceeded \$2.1 billion in 2007.

In June 2008, Sandbrook was named CEO of Oldcastle's Americas Products & Distribution with continued responsibility for Architectural Products in addition to all precast, glass, metals and distribution businesses. Oldcastle P & D's revenue peaked in 2008, exceeding \$7 billion, with an employee count in excess of 25,000.

In August 2011, Sandbrook was chosen to be the president and chief executive officer of U.S. Concrete, Inc. The company is publicly traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol USCR. U.S. Concrete operates 155 standard ready-mixed concrete plants, 16 volumetric ready-mixed concrete facilities, and 17 producing aggregates facilities in California, New York, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.





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Michael (Mike) Welch, who served as Concrete Industry Board president in 2017 and 2018, has been a key participant in the concrete industry for more than 30 years. He is a divisional sales manager for The Euclid Chemical Company.

He began his career in concrete as a quality-control field technician in 1989 with Raia Industries in Hackensack, NJ. Raia produced ready mix concrete, sand, gravel, crushed stone and asphalt. Welch became the director of quality control after Raia grew to become Blue Circle Materials. This company exists today as Eastern Concrete Materials, a division of US Concrete.

Welch later took the position of director of sales and marketing for the construction stone division of Limecrest Corporation in Sparta, NJ.

Limecrest was a specialty aggregate company with multiple quarries specializing in architectural stone and agricultural minerals when it decided it needed to focus on the construction stone market in order to continue to grow. Limecrest did grow and was eventually sold and became part of Medusa Minerals, followed by South-down Cement, and later Cemex.

In 1997, Welch joined Euclid Chemical as a sales representative in the New York/New Jersey sales market. He later became the northeast regional sales manager and this past year was promoted to divisional sales manager.

Welch still serves on the executive board of CIB as the past president, as well as the CIB Advisory Board, and he chairs the scholarship and awards committees. He also sits on the Board of Directors for the Concrete Industry Foundation.

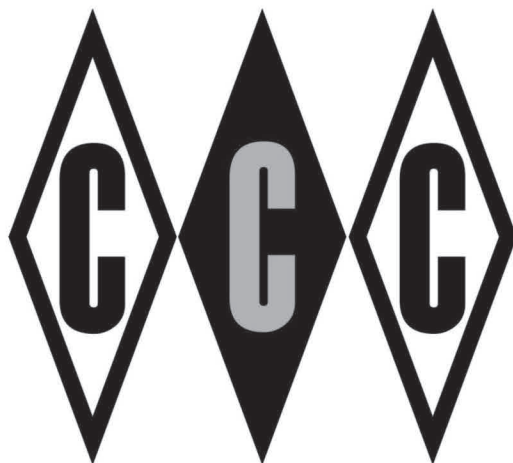
He is a past president of the NJ Chapter of ACI. He also served on the board of the New York City Concrete Promotional Council (NYCCPC), the Board of Directors for the Northeast Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA), and as chairman of the NJ Concrete and Aggregates (NJCAA) Technical Committee.

Welch earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University and a Master's in Engineering Management from Widener University.

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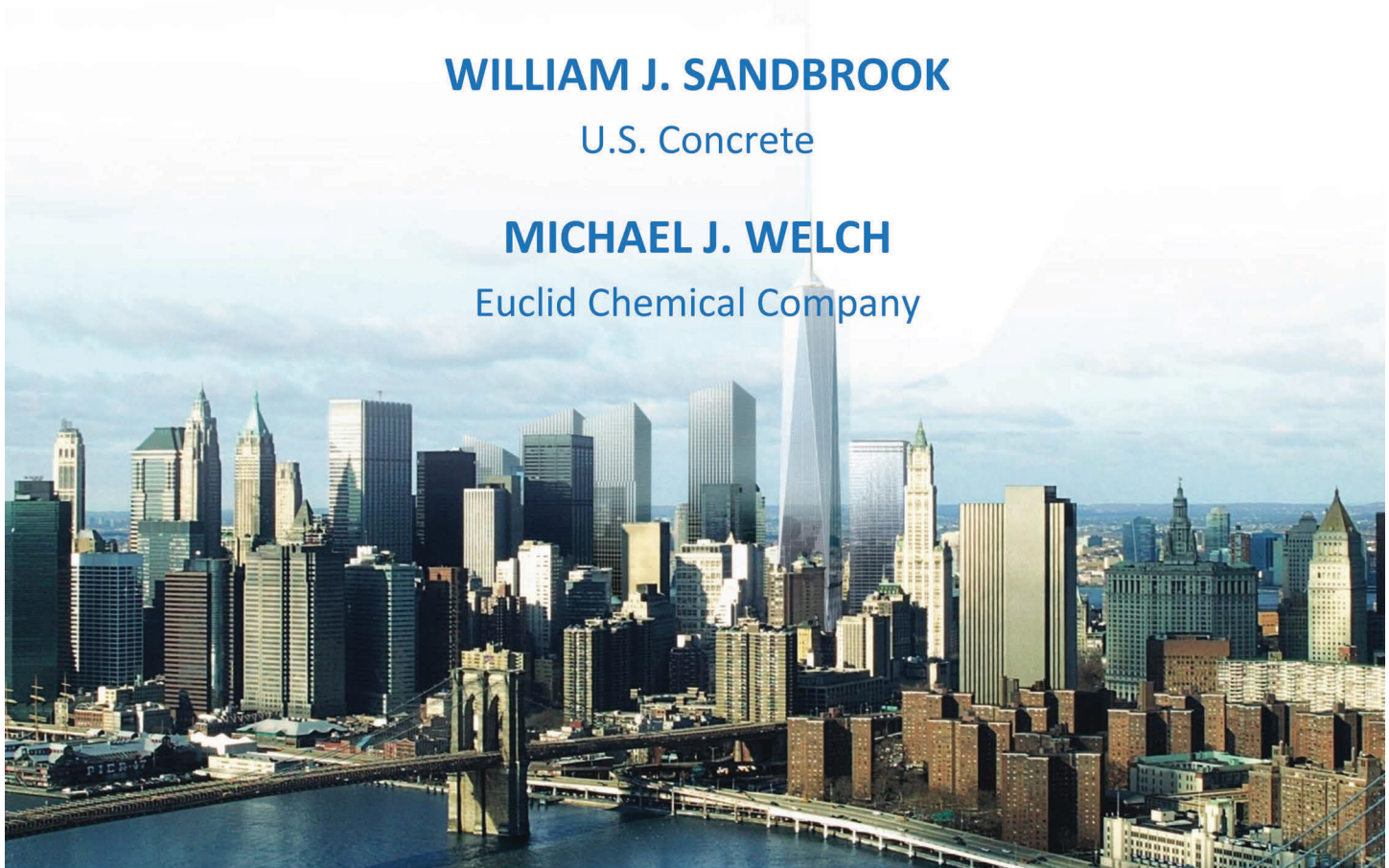
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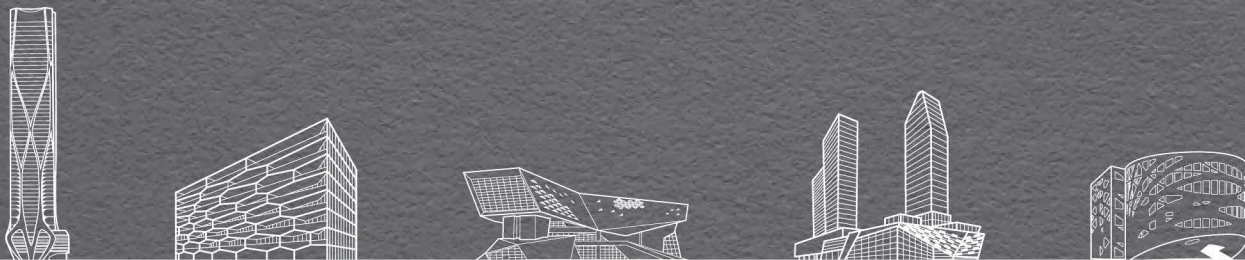
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2019 Alfred Gerosa Awards



**CHRISTINE
CARDASCIA**

CHRISTINE CARDASCIA **\$2,000 Alfred Gerosa Scholarship**

Christine Cardascia expects to graduate in May of 2020 with a Bachelor in Civil Engineering degree from Stevens Institute of Technology. Currently she is serving as an engineering intern for Con Edison, configuring modems used for transformers and producing training videos and documents to teach fellow employees how to use a newly created online platform.

She holds the title of “Volunteer Builder, Vice President” for Habitat for Humanity where she was part of a team building concrete dwellings for veterans and the homeless.

Christine is a member of two honor societies—Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi—and has been on the Dean’s List for all semesters at Stevens. Her overall GPA is 3.98/4.00. She has broad personal and career objectives. “A lot can change in the year I have until graduation, so my career goals are general and not bounded by time. Whether I am a CEO or just an entry-level worker, I’ll be able to achieve my goals. There is no wait time and no stop time. I can continuously keep improving on these goals, trying to give the best I can to the discipline I love.”

Christine hopes that at some point in her professional career she will be able to give back to the less fortunate, as she has already done with her service to Habitat for Humanity. “I might not change the whole world, but I am hoping I can use my skills to leave it better than I found it.”



**CLARE
CHAN**

CLARE CHAN **\$2,000 Concrete Industry Board Scholarship**

Clare Chan, the 2019 recipient of the Concrete Industry Board’s \$2,000 scholarship, tells us that her interest in civil engineering stems from the major’s purpose- and service-orientated nature: to build and construct for humanity.

“I was drawn to civil engineering immediately after taking my first physics course in high school. This desire to study civil engineering was only strengthened after I developed an interest in subway systems and learned how the intricacy of transportation systems differs by location and what this can say about a particular country, city, or government.”

Clare expects to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Columbia University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science in May, 2020. As an undergraduate studying civil engineering, one of her primary goals is to engage in research and learn more about various innovations within the field. After spending a summer working on construction projects in New York and Japan, she found herself “most captivated” by the actual building and construction of infrastructure. At a probe review conducted by structural engineers and held at the American Museum of Natural History, she examined the building’s material. It peaked her curiosity about materials used in the construction industry and its their properties.

Last semester, Clare joined Professor Shiho Kawashima’s Lab at Columbia University to research the properties and functions of concrete and engage in extrusion-based 3D concrete printing. At present, she is learning about the rheological properties of cement and analyzing various cement pastes. Her hopes are to continue her studies by attending graduate school for a Master’s degree. Following graduation, her immediate goal is to work as a structural engineer “because I want to design solutions for problems... Civil engineering feats can bring people together through the construction of buildings, which serves as space for people to use and live in. Communication is facilitated, and connections are made, by actually providing ways for people to travel such as bridges and tunnels, which lets people meet each other.” Among her extra-curricular activities, Clare serves as president of the New York Chapter-American Society of Civil Engineers and as treasurer of the Society of Women Engineers. She is past treasurer of the Columbia Japan Society.



**ROCCO
CIOFFI**

ROCCO CIOFFI **\$2,000 Dominick & Josephine DeSimone Scholarship**

Rocco Cioffi is on track to receive his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree in May 2020 from The New Jersey Institute of Technology. He tells us that his deep desire to become a civil engineer was further reinforced in his second semester (2017-2018) when he was nominated to be the captain of NJIT’s steel bridge team.

We are granting him the scholarship anyway...and with good reason. The experience, he tells us, “has shown me what it is like to start from nothing and eventually produce a physical product that I can call my own.”

As NJIT steel bridge team captain, Rocco was, literally, present at the creation. First, he experienced the design of a bridge from scratch. Then he developed shop drawings to send to companies who subsequently developed them into actual components to assemble. “I think of what I have done and I imagine the same bridge allowing people to go to a place where no one was able to go before.”

Equipped with the education and the capability of applying his NJIT course knowledge to everyday life to better the environment is an exciting challenge, Rocco says.

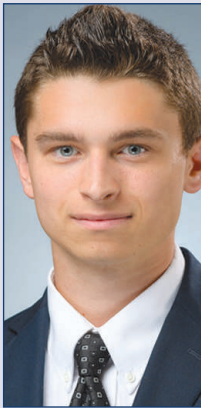
Driving on a bridge or walking past a building “and being aware that you have the knowledge of everything that went into that structure—from calculations, to design, to construction—is really something else.”

Rocco hopes to apply that knowledge to “better how things are done and to create new structures that benefit society, not just for short-term benefits but many years after they are built.

2019 Scholars



**KEVIN
CUNNINGHAM**



**JOHN
DeMARTINIS**



**ZOE
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KEVIN CUNNINGHAM

\$2,000 Raymond Heun Scholarship

Kevin Cunningham is a hands-on guy. For the past three years he has been a construction assistant for a Brooklyn-based property management company, responding to tenants' requests for maintenance issues, installing drywall, handling demolition, assisting in plumbing and electrical work in residential buildings, and construction site clearing.

In addition to all this responsibility, he is a student at Hofstra University, pursuing a B.E in Engineering Science degree with a concentration on civil engineering. He anticipates graduating in May 2020. He currently has a 3.60 GPA, has been awarded three scholarships and was on the Dean's List for four consecutive semesters.

Kevin writes that he has "known for the longest time I wanted to be an engineer. When my brother first started college, I decided to be a civil engineer. I watched my brother stay up late studying, working for days on lab reports, and getting loads and loads of homework. I would look at his homework and somehow I would just get it. I didn't know the material, and never learned it, but somehow, it just made sense to me."

He says his parents instilled in him the goal of getting good grades and always doing his best. He specifically credits his dad for his own excellent work ethic. For the past several years, Kevin's father took him along on all the residential renovation jobs. Says Kevin, "Everyone in my family always goes to my Dad if they're having an issue in their house or they are looking to renovate it." He said that from demolition to completion they spent months renovating his uncle's basement, with Kevin absorbing valuable practical, hands-on knowledge about construction, plumbing, electrical "and most importantly, teamwork."

Kevin will work this summer as an intern for Welkin Mechanical, a mechanical contracting company that manages a variety of complex infrastructure projects in the New York City area. He hopes to graduate next May "with a degree in one hand and a civil engineering job offer in the other. I want to be able to be a provider, just like Dad."

JOHN DeMARTINIS

\$2,000 Joseph DePaola Scholarship

John De Martinis is working toward his scholastic goal of obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree—with a minor in mathematics—next May from Quinnipiac University's School of Engineering. He is certainly on the right track, with a cumulative GPA of 3.89 and a major GPA of 3.98.

John wants to become an engineer "to help our country rebuild its crumbling infrastructure." He believes the concrete industry is going to play a major role in the reconstruction and "that all of us young engineering students studying and learning today will make a major contribution to help this very important undertaking for our country and our future. Concrete is now and will always be the most important, relevant material to rebuild our roads, bridges, buildings, etc. I want to be a part of the rebuilding."

Structural engineering has captured his interest, he says, "because it involves designing structures to ensure that they can withstand their own weight as well as the loads and pressures that will be placed upon them. I enjoy testing different types of materials in the lab and computing their material stress factors prior to designing."

John already has some hands-on experience. One of the most interesting projects he worked on at Quinnipiac University was the Bobcat Crane Design Project, which consisted of choosing and analyzing three different beam locations for a crane. For each location, shear and moment diagrams were created to solve for the maximum shear and moment. The max moment was then used to find the section modulus of the beam, which determined the type of beam that would be used. After selecting the type of beam, new shear and moment diagrams were solved using the self-weight of the selected beam. The max bending stress, shear stress and deflections were all computed in Microsoft excel. "It was interesting to go through the design process of selecting different types of beams and solving for all attributes of each." He also enjoyed testing different types of materials and determining their mode of failure in the lab.

His immediate career goal is to secure an internship in the field of structural engineering for this summer. He believes he has the skills needed to be a heavy contributor to any company that hires him. As for his senior year at Quinnipiac, John looks forward to some of the ASCE school activities, including the concrete bowling ball tournament and a concrete design course.

ZOE FILOPOULOS

\$2,000 Abraham Gutman Scholarship

Zoe Filopoulos, who expects to receive her BE degree in Civil Engineering, in December from the City College of New York, is part of a strong family, "with three siblings and two immigrant parents who inspire me every day with their work ethic—unabatingly, despite their struggles to provide without college degrees."

The Queens resident's parents encouraged her to spend her childhood exploring the urban jungle and boundless skyline of New York City. Yet, she says, "I frequently discover incredible feats of engineering in the streets I grew up on. I aim to create something that inspires others, just as the New York City infrastructure has done for me."

Since April 2018, Zoe has been employed as a structural intern for Jacobs-New York, part of a worldwide consulting engineering firm. "My work at Jacobs sparks excitement for me every single day," she says. Her internship is with its bridge group which contributes to the design of rail bridges for large scale infrastructure projects about the country. She views their work and the structures it creates as "captivating."

One of her goals is to work on projects "that integrate civil engineers into the architectural design process. I think this integration of structural experts—while still considering constructability and practicality—can lead to a design that challenges the sustainability and structural limitations of a project." A second, more personal goal is to continue her heavy involvement—now in its third year—in Engineers Without Borders. Through CCNY, as design lead/project manager for Engineers Without Borders, she has managed a team of fellow engineering students for the assessment, design, and construction planning of rainwater catchment and water containment wood-concrete structures in a rural Nicaraguan community.

After CCNY graduation, Zoe will be working fulltime as a bridge engineer (in training). She also plans to become a licensed P.E., and eventually, to become a project manager, then working her way up to even higher positions of leadership. Her ultimate goal is "for a career continuously filled with learning and growing experiences as well as challenges that push me to create meaningful work."

MOHAMMED GUEYE

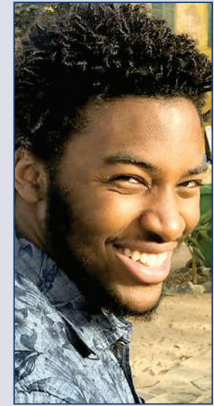
\$2,000 Gustav Erlemann Scholarship

Mohammed Gueye is a third-year architecture student at the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at City College. In this year, Mohammed explains, students move away from abstract explorations of space towards reinforcements of form and concept through materiality and structure. This marks the first time in his academic career where he has become more consequent and critical of his decisions as an architect.

He explains, “It had forced me to rethink what good architecture is and what type of architect I would like to become one day.” He believes good architecture shapes the spaces around us for positive change and that while his goal of being a “good” architect is simple, it requires him to be responsible and thoughtful of the environmental and socio-economic qualities and fabrication methods inherent in a design.

In the last semester of CCNY’s architecture school, students had been working heavily with material to drive design and details, and vice versa. “Serving as a testament to that ideal, I built my model with a real concrete party wall and foundation and wooden beams and columns to represent the tensile steel members. During this process I got greater appreciation for the different forces and material qualities at work.” Sensitivity to material and details is important, Mohammed said. “When we sketch with a sensitivity to that, it makes the construction process easier and communication between architect and builder less foreign to one another. It was absolutely clear that the architecture industry in certain markets and in definition is becoming very one dimensional.”

His ultimate goal is to become an architect with his own New York City practice that can bridge that divide. “I want to make drawings that speak for themselves. I would like people to look at architecture as more than grand displays of wealth and large facades. I would like to show all the parts of the architecture, from the scale of the carpenter who puts it all together and the mind who composed the space, both equally important.”



MOHAMMED
GUEYE

MARI KOBAKHIDZE

\$2,000 James E. Halpin Scholarship

When she was only five, Mari Kobakhidze remembers watching her grandfather doing calculations on “a big yellow legal pad,” with building drawing on the same pad. She stood close to the table, staring at the drawings. “That was the day I fell in love with engineering. I told my grandfather that one day, when I grew up, I would make him proud and be just as good an engineer as he was.”

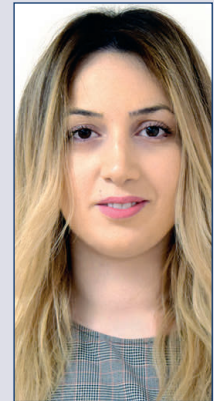
Today, Mari pursues her dream while honoring her late grandfather’s memory. Last year, she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from New York University’s Tandon School of Engineering. Next May, Mari looks forward to receiving her Master of Science in Civil Engineering—with a concentration in structural and materials engineering—from the same university.

Earlier this year, she won the Outstanding Capstone Project Award. She has been a Dean’s List student and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors roll society and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter.

She holds down two jobs, one as a graduate teacher’s assistant at her alma mater, and the other as a fulltime junior structural engineer at YAS (Ysrael A. Seinuk). From May to September last year, Mari was a structural engineering intern at the YAS office. “The day I started working was the day I realized how blessed I am to pursue my dream of being an engineer. My goal is to build my career in structural engineering. I am also going to obtain my P.E. license as soon as possible so I can advance my career.”

Her post-graduation goal is to be an adjunct professor at a university so she can pass on her knowledge, passion, love, and excitement. Or, as she says, “to show them how exciting it is to design concrete buildings and watch them be built.”

Her academic projects were the development of a complete site plan during her fall 2017 term and leading a project team for the design of a 16-story steel office building and a 12-story reinforced concrete residential complex in her fall 2017 and spring 2018 terms.



MARI
KOBAKHIDZE

MICHAEL LaVALLE

\$2,000 Antonio S. Limbarido Scholarship

Michael La Valle has big dreams for the future. “In my career, I want to work in the construction industry. I want to be a part of continuing to grow the New York City skyline. Being a part of the construction process and learning how each building is created has always been an interest of mine. As I grow in personally and in my career, I want to be able to give back to those who have helped me to get where I am today.”

Michael looks forward to receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College in May 2020. Since last September, he has been a lab assistant at the college, and before that, he was a water operations intern for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. You might say that Michael knows his way around the campus, having served as a Manhattan College tour guide since 2017.

He is this year’s president of the American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter, a materials coordinator for the school’s concrete canoe competition, and a member of the New York Water Environment Association. He has also had community service experience as a part of a Habitat for Humanity project.

He’s active in the college’s theatrical arena, as well as a member of its choral group and the Manhattan College Gaelic Society.

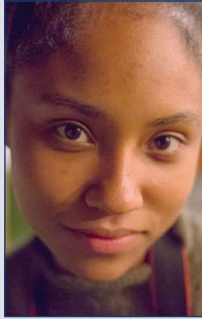
“Throughout my entire life, I have always loved doing hands-on work, from when I was younger and played with Legos, (his favorite toy) to helping my Dad with any number of projects around the house.”

He cites his parents for being “an inspiration to me throughout my entire life. They have always pushed their hardest in their careers to make sure my siblings and I can have the best education possible. They have inspired me to pursue a career in engineering.”



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KAYLA MONTES de OCA **\$2,000 Lee J. Principe Memorial Scholarship**

Kayla Montes De Oca is a Merit Scholarship recipient (2015-2019) at the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art. She also was awarded the IDC Foundation Scholarship earlier this year and has been a half tuition scholarship recipient for all her four years at The Cooper Union. She expects to receive her Bachelor of Architecture degree next May.

Kayla is a self-described hands-on person, efficient with power tools and such heavy machinery as a table saw, router and band saw. She also is highly capable with camera equipment. When she arrived at Cooper Union's School of Architecture, she was given the opportunity to explore different "mediums of making" which gave her the opportunity to think outside a normal perspective. She became "obsessively involved" with material. The treatment and use of material became an important design aspect for her.

Kayla has come across many types and modes of building, but it is her belief that "we have not given thought to what is necessary for us to be successful humans. We are moving rapidly into different modes of production and need to be conscious about how we are building and fabricating. We have the knowledge to produce faster, but that does not mean we have to produce at a lower quality." In her opinion, Kayla says, "it is our job as architects, builders, and engineers to make sure architecture does not become commodified and devalued. We absolutely need to consider the future lives of our buildings." She sees being an architect "is a selfless act, an opportunity for me to help shape the way we live now and in the approaching future . . . I aspire to create stimulating spaces—but also to balance the responsibility of creating architecture that is informative, and sets examples for better machines for living."

KARLA PENA MOYA

\$2,000 Francis J. and Lee J. Principe Scholarship, in memory of Virginia Anne Principe

Karla is an AAS Civil Engineering Technology candidate at New York City College of Technology. She expects to graduate in December and currently holds a GPA of 3.6. She also is an ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician-Grade 1. Karla tells us that as a female construction engineering student, "it has not always been easy to see myself in certain positions when it comes to my engineering career."

She said working with the New York State Department of Transportation as a transportation construction inspector (TCI) "allowed me to inspect a variety of operations completed by men (mainly) and more experienced individuals." In that role from, May to August last year, as the youngest inspector and only female inspector, she says she determined that office positions could be easier to deal with: that she would still be challenged in an office position, "but I would not have to deal with the hostility from men and more experienced individuals. Regardless of the hostility, inspection is something I would like to do." Granted that a fulltime inspector or an office engineer position requires managing and coordinating, she says the experience could allow her to transition into project management.

Karla is preparing to take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. Part of her preparation consists of taking a class where the FE exam topics are reviewed. Next step is devoting five to 10 years to qualify to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam. "As I work on accomplishing my goals, I would like to find a way to connect with upcoming female engineers. I often find myself wanting to hear a female engineer's perspective. I want to be able to share my journey with females in college who might have specific questions . . . I want to empower and encourage female engineers as I go through the engineering industry myself."

DANIELLE RABADI

\$2,000 Vincent DeSimone Scholarship

Danielle Rabadi will be receiving her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from Manhattan College. Currently holding a GPA of 3.42, Danielle has received the Chi-Epsilon Honor Society Award and the Dean's award. She serves as chapter president of the Manhattan College Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY), and since last September, she has been project manager of the college's Concrete Canoe competition. She is a national and institutional member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the New York Water Environment Association and an institutional member of the Society of Women Engineers.

While studying at Manhattan College, Danielle reports she has learned about a variety of subfields in civil engineering. "From structural analysis to construction management, my analytical and decision making skills have improved over the past years. As my knowledge in engineering flourishes, so does my desire to contribute to communities around the world."

Due to financial hardships growing up, many self-betterment opportunities were not possible. "Nonetheless, I sought every available opportunity to improve through student engagement activities and volunteer experiences in high school and my community." She believes that her ability to handle difficult situations to produce the best outcome possible "is a result of the improvement of my character. This is essential to fulfill my desire to provide shelter to those in need due to unfortunate circumstances." Giving back to her college community—and in addition to her other activities—since last fall, Danielle has served as a teacher's assistant in the Manhattan College School of Engineering. In this capacity she helps fellow students with their homework and lab courses and assists professors with their day-to-day tasks.

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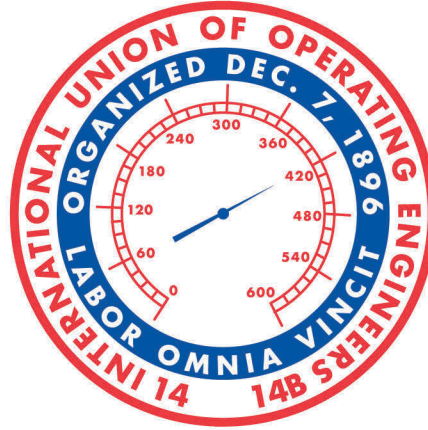
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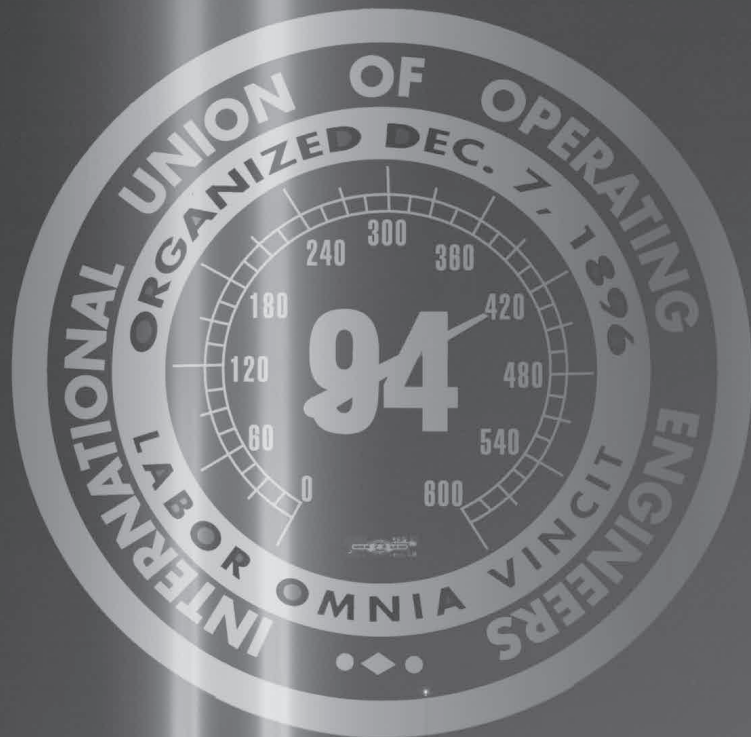
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Lawrence M. Tabat, PE, SE Arcadis Principal Engineer

CIB Past President and Awards Committee Chair Lawrence M. Tabat, PE, SE, who served as Concrete Industry Board president in 2015 and 2016 and as its Roger H. Corbetta annual awards chair in 2017 and 2018, died last fall. At the time of his passing,

Larry was a principal structural engineer at the water business line of Arcadis U.S. He was a registered civil engineer in three states and a licensed structural engineer in two states.

His involvement with concrete began while Larry was a student working toward his Master's Degree at the University of Illinois. There, he became involved in concrete research and, in 1972, with his Master's degree in hand, he joined the firm of James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers in Pasadena, CA. In 1979, he was transferred to the firm's Walnut Creek office where he established a structural design group. Through the years, the firm has been merged to eventually become Montgomery Watson Harza.

In 1993, Larry became lead structural engineer for the \$1.3-billion Greater Houston Wastewater Program where he established specifications, design criteria, and design guides. He then supervised a group of structural engineers that reviewed the designs submitted by a large number of sub-consultants. In 1995, when the program management job was winding down, he joined Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, which later was acquired by Arcadis to become its water

business line in 2008.

Larry had almost a half century of experience in the design, evaluation, and repair of concrete process tanks, pump stations, reservoirs, and support structures for water and wastewater facilities across the United States. Because many designs involve the upgrading and expansion of existing facilities that must remain operational, he was frequently called upon to solve complex construction problems. For more than 25 years, he was active as a committee member of the American Concrete Institute's Committee 350-Environmental Engineering Concrete Structures. He served as the committee's secretary for six years, as a member of the Seismic, Editorial, and Specification subcommittees, and chair of the Reinforcement and Development subcommittee.

He was involved in the production and updating of the ACI 350- Code Requirements for Environmental Engineering Concrete Structures, ACI 350.3-Seismic Design of Liquid-Containing Concrete Structures, ACI 350.5-Specifications for Environmental Concrete Structures, ACI 350.1-Specification for Tightness Testing of Environmental Engineering Concrete Containment Structures, and ACI 350.4R-Design Considerations for Environmental Engineering Concrete Structures. He also served on the ACI's Chapter Activities Committee.

He received his BS in Civil Engineering degree from Loyola Marymount University in 1970 and his Master's in Structural Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1972.



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CIB past presidents Michael Welch and Lawrence Tabat and current president Michael Marchese



Left, Tom Costigan and Tony Limbaro

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Above, Carmine Attanasio with the awards, and overlay, honoree Tom Costigan and Carmine Attanasio



Above, honoree Tom Costigan, with his family in the foreground



2018 scholarship winners, with Elizabeth O'Donnell, dean of School of Architecture at Cooper Union, and Reg Hough, third and second from right, row 1



Carmine Attanasio and honoree Casimir "Cas" Bognacki



Above, from left, Michael Marchese, Reg Hough, Paul Zoltanetzky Jr., Carmine Attanasio, Michael Marchese, Cas Bognacki and Larry Tabat



Above top right, Jerry Parnes and Michael Marchese. Above, Tony Limbaro and his family



Left, honoree Cas Bognacki and his family



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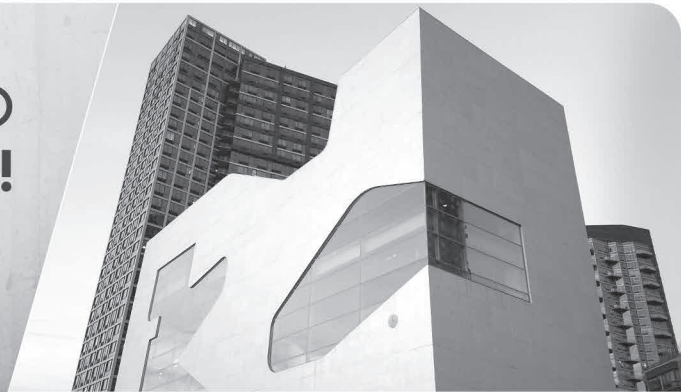
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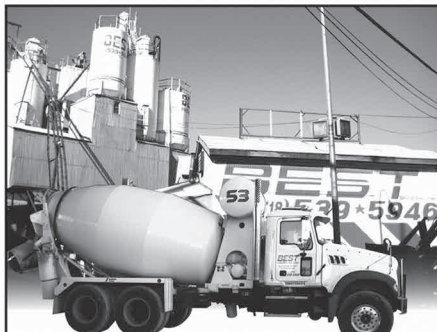
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