



The Concrete Industry Foundation Inc.

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*Investing in Education for the
Concrete Built Environment*

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Dear Concrete Industry Foundation and Board Members

As we all continue to manage our way through the current coronavirus challenge, we want you to know what your Foundation has been doing.

First, our primary concern during this pandemic is for the safety of all our members and their employees and families. We continue to monitor the situation with a specific focus on how current and future projected events will impact you.

Our Annual Scholarship and Industry Leaders Awards Dinner has been postponed. We will not sponsor a dinner until the overall global situation has settled down, the virus ceases to be a threat, and we can safely go about the business and responsibility of hosting such an event. We will continue to keep you apprised as the situation develops and eventually wanes and ends.

We do, however, have recipients for our prestigious CIF Humanitarian Fellow Award and James Anderson Distinguished Service Award and are delighted to share that with you. It gives us great pleasure to announce that Stephen DeSimone has been named as the 2020 winner of the CIF Humanitarian Award and that Peter Scalamandre has been named the 2020 winner of the James Anderson Distinguished Service Award. Please join us in extending warmest congratulations to both of them.

We are also moving ahead with our scholarship awards program and the selection/award process for them. While the coronavirus might postpone the public celebration of these awards it will not stop the processes by which awardees are sought, selected and awarded – that is too important and can continue to be done without direct personal interaction. The support of educational efforts benefitting our industry as well as the future of young people who want to enter it remains vital and a principle, we are committed to continuing. We will share with you the students that have been selected as soon as the process is complete.

We're also very interested in hearing from you regarding any questions that you may have or suggestions on how we might better serve our supporters during this crisis. We invite you to post any such questions to our CIF website (www.concreteindustryfoundation.org).

Finally, we are very sad to report the sudden death of Tom Hogarty who had served as our communications manager for decades. Tom suffered a heart attack about a month ago. We will dearly miss not only his professional contribution but also his deep friendship. We know you join us in extending our sincerest condolences to his wife Donna and his entire family.

Thank you very much for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. Please continue to follow all the guidelines that have been established to hopefully lessen the impact of this horrible affliction and shorten the time until we can safely gather together and celebrate again. Let's show that like the physical world around us, the concrete industry can be the core upon which great things can be built.

Be safe.

Sincerely,

Jerry Parnes, President

Carmine Attanasio, Chairman of the Board