

SCHOLARSHIPS

On May 16, 2007, the Plumbing Industry Promotion Fund of New York City held an awards ceremony for 10 recipients of its 2007 Scholarships. Each student was awarded annual \$2,000 scholarships, which could total a combined \$80,000, to help defray their higher education over the next four years.

Earlier this year the scholarships were renamed the "Leonard X. Farbman" Scholarship in honor of Mr. Farbman who served as President of the Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York, Inc. in 1962-63-64 and still takes an active interest in the Industry today.

The Plumbing Industry Promotion Fund of New York City has been awarding scholarships for 26 years. To date, the Promotion Fund has given almost \$830,000 to more than 400 students. Participants in the Scholarship Program may attend any accredited college, university or approved technical institutions in the United States and may select any course of study.

Ralph J. DeMartino, Chairman of the Promotion Fund Board of Trustees, said, "America's families are under increasing economic pressure due to exploding college costs. Tuition increases are outpacing the rate of inflation, forcing students to 'trade down' their educational choices because once-affordable options have been priced out of reach. Our goal is to ease that burden and make higher education more affordable."

This year's selection committee consisted of three distinguished educators from the field of higher education who had to choose from over 40 applicants.

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(top row l. to r. — Vincent Aspromonte, ACP President; Ralph DeMartino, Chairman Promotion Fund; Jacob Mazza, Scholarship Recipient; bottom row l. to r. Jennifer Vilasboas; Bibi Alisha Rahaman; Alyssa Bianco; Angela Bassolino; Rachel Katz – Scholarship Recipients; Michael Apuzzo, Local #1 Business Agent.)

One of the scholarship recipients, **Angela Bassolino**, daughter of **George and Amelia Bassolino**, is headed to the University of Central Florida in September, where she plans to major in advertising. "I am extremely grateful to the Promotion Fund for this scholarship - it will help defray some of the costs of my education and I have the Promotion Fund to thank for that," she said.

The other 2007 winners are Alyssa Bianco (Loyola College), Ryan Harrington (Fordham University), Robert Hunter Harris (Lyndon State College), Kaitlyn Hyde (Cedar Crest College), Rachel Katz (SUNY Binghamton), Jacob Mazza (Rochester Institute of Technology), Bibi Alisha Rahaman (Hunter College), Jennifer Vilasboas (SUNY Stony Brook) and Kristine Marie Werner (Fairfield University).

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must be a son or daughter of a journeyman, apprentice, helper plumber whose parent is a member of the union or a licensed employing master plumber who is a union contractor. To obtain an application for the 2008 Scholarships and to learn more about who is eligible, please visit www.acpcny.org.

The Plumbing Industry Promotion Fund of New York City serves as the educational and informational arm of the plumbing industry and is funded entirely by plumbing contracting firms employing union labor.