IN FOCUS

For those who played in the Scholarship Golf Outing last month and have contributed to the scholarship fund via personal or company donations, ACEC/PA is pleased to announce the four (4) award winners. A total of $12,000 will be given out this year and award recipients have been invited to the 2019 Fall Conference to be recognized and network with the industry. The following are the 2019 winners:

Andrew Tamis: Penn State University - $5,000  
Isabelle Macioce: University of Pittsburgh - $3,000  
Sarah Tickner: Penn State University - $2,000  
Emily Sharp: Bucknell University - $2,000

The date for the 2020 scholarship golf outing has not yet been set but will be shortly. Once confirmed, we will ensure everyone can put it on their schedule as this is the only fundraiser for the scholarships given. Please consider providing an individual or company donation at any time. We accept donations 365 days per year and need your support to continue this program.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming ACEC/PA Fall Conference where you can meet some if not all the scholarship winners.

Leeann Sherman  
ACEC/PA Executive Director
Established in September 2007, SP Engineering, Inc is providing Construction Management and Construction Inspection for PADOT, PA Turnpike and country projects.

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**LEGISLATIVE**

Stay on top of issues pertaining to transportation and other legislative matters.

- **Transportation Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Capitol Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Bill Tracker** - Read it [here](#)

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**Pa. Legislature Abruptly Abandons Attempt to Limit Public Access to Campaign Expenses**
The Republican-controlled legislature abruptly reversed course Wednesday and said it would abandon a controversial measure that could make it harder to find out how lawmakers and other elected officials spend millions of dollars in campaign cash…[Read more](#)

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**Senate Considers FY2020 Transportation Appropriations**
The Senate the week of Oct. 21 began debating the Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Appropriations bill that, if enacted, would provide over $65 billion for highway, transit, and airport capital spending…[Read more](#)

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**Traffic Deaths Decline; More Pedestrians & Cyclists Killed**
U.S. traffic fatalities in 2018 declined 2.4 percent from 2017, or 913 fewer deaths,
according to Oct. 22 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)…Read more

Lawmakers Still Far Apart on Spending Bills
As the Senate this week began floor debate on bills to fund the government, Democratic leaders called for bicameral discussions to reconcile competing spending allocations for the 12 annual appropriations measures…Read more

House Passes Election Security Bill
The House passed a bill yesterday intended to combat foreign interference in elections…Read more

PennDOT Reviewing Trump Administration Request For Driver’s License Data
The U.S. Census Bureau has asked Pennsylvania and other states to voluntarily turn over driver’s license information, as part of the Trump Administration’s efforts to compile citizenship status and other detailed data about people living in the country. But the state has not indicated whether it will comply…Read more

ACEC’s Bender Talks Transportation with U.S. Reps. Davis and Lipinski
ACEC Vice President of Political Affairs Dave Bender moderated a panel discussion on transportation last night with Congressmen Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL)…Read more

Special ACEC Online Class-New Overtime Rule: What Your Firm Needs to Know
On November 12, ACEC will host a one-of-a-kind online class delving into the details of the new overtime pay rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that will take effect on January 1, 2020…Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

Western Chapter Meeting with John Betchel, Assistant Director, Design & Construction, Penn State University and Mark J. Magalotti PhD, P.E, Professor of Practice, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Civil and Environmental
Volunteers Needed for Middle School Career Awareness Fair on November 1
On November 1, the West Shore School District will hold its annual Middle School Career Awareness Fair for eighth grade students. The event is open to students at all three middle schools and will be hosted by Crossroads Middle School. If you are able to volunteer, please read more here.

Eastern Chapter Meeting with Jeffrey Knueppel, P.E., General Manager, SEPTA and Elizabeth Smith, P.E., Assistant Treasurer, Strategic Initiatives, SEPTA to provide a "Then and Now SEPTA Overview" and a King of Prussia Rail Line update
November 12 ● Desmond Hotel
Register now

ACEC/PA Fall Conference
November 20, 2019 ● Hershey Lodge
Lock in your sponsorship and register here

Diamond Awards
February 27, 2020 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 11-13, 2020 ● Hilton Harrisburg

ACEC/PA Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7-9, 2020 ● Park City, Utah
ACEC/PA BPT Committee
Robert Hurley, GAI, has been named the Vice Chair of the ACEC/PA BPT Committee, which is led by Doug Smith, PE of Prime AE Group.

ACEC/PA Workforce Development & Human Resources
ACEC/PA Workforce Development & Human Resources is still looking for a Vice Chair for the committee whose position is in the Human Resources sector from a member firm. Please contact Leeann Sherman as soon as possible if you are interested.

You Are ACEC/PA
We have 22 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

Eleven Council Members Inducted into Order of the Engineer
At the 2019 Fall Conference in Chicago, 11 ACEC members were inducted into the Order of the Engineer, a national organization dedicated to “upholding the standards and dignity of the engineering profession… Read more

Getting Ready for MUTCD Review Period
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Sept. 26 repealed a procurement rule that for 103 years prohibited state and local governments from using patented or proprietary products on highway and bridge projects that receive federal funding… Read more

ARTBA Supports Reforms to Hours of Service Rules
ARTBA filed Oct. 21 comments about the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) proposed changes to the federal Hours of Service (HOS) rules, which govern how much time truck drivers and heavy construction equipment operators can spend on the road… Read more
RESOURCES

IMPORTANT: “As you are aware, permit delays cost everyone money and time and the Department is trying to rectify the situation,” quote from PennDOT leadership.

PennDOT has provided the link below which goes to its PennDOT’s Pub Environmental Permitting Handbook PUB-783 (11-18). Section IV Building A Permit; Chapter 8: Quality Assurance Quality Control (QA/QC) page 58, has links to a series of “checklists” that are very useful in the preparation and submissions of permits.

Anything we can do collectively to ensure permits are administratively complete and void of technical deficiencies is going to help deliver projects quicker.

“PennDOT is also in the process of creating a training that will focus on submitting a better permit, and how to respond to admin incompletes and tech-defs. If we can shorten the time frame down of responses back to DEP this will help expedite projects as well,” stated by PennDOT.

Click here to view the link.
ACEC/PA Needs Your Help

- Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.

- We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

Did You Know?
“E” Is the most common letter and appears in 11 percent of all English words.

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