

Industry Focus

Cemstone Announced 2022 Scholarship Recipients

The Cemstone and TCC Materials Companies announced the 2022 Cemstone – TCC Materials Companies Scholarship recipients. The 2022 recipients include Maddi Bast, Osseo, MN, USA; Ava Becken, Northfield, MN; Clara Morlock, Cambridge, MN; and Skylar Samples, Osceola, WI, USA. The Cemstone – TCC Materials Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 to assist employees and their qualified children in furthering their education beyond high school. Each year, scholarships are offered for undergraduate study in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical college. To date, the companies have awarded over 81 scholarships.



From left to right: Maddi Bast, Ava Becken, Clara Morlock, and Skylar Samples

Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association Unveils Video Blog and Website

The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA) launched its video blog to provide technical, innovative, and sustainability information to people interested in learning more about the concrete industry. The vlog is an element of the PACA's companion website—www.SpecifyConcrete.org—securing its role as a source for all things concrete. The first vlog, titled “The Continuing Quest for Emissions-Free Cement,” looks at how the concrete industry is working to tackle one of its biggest environmental challenges.

Northern Florida Road Building Industry Gains New Partnership

Cemen Tech has signed Beard Equipment Company (Beard) as the exclusive dealer for Cemen Tech volumetric concrete trucks in northern Florida, USA. Beard has focused its road-building product inventory on paving and compaction equipment. Now, by partnering with Cemen Tech, the company is expanding its offerings to include concrete mixing technology to better serve contractors in Florida.

Volumetric concrete trucks are known for their ability to increase concrete production efficiency and reduce waste by

allowing concrete to be mixed on the jobsite for the exact quantity needed. As today's construction projects become more specialized and the demand for contractors to be more nimble increases, Beard and Cemen Tech know there is a growing need for precision technology in concrete equipment like that of the C60.

Seven New DOT Approvals for Cortec MCI

Cortec® announced seven new Department of Transportation (DOT) approvals for MCI® Technology in North America. In the United States, six more state DOTs have added MCI-2005 NS to their list of approved concrete admixtures. In Quebec, Canada, MCI-2018 has been approved for DOT use in addition to the previously approved MCI-2000. DOT approval is important for three reasons:

- It allows engineers to specify MCI in DOT construction projects for these states/provinces;
- It lends credibility to engineers desiring to use MCI Technologies in non-DOT projects; and
- It ultimately can improve the quality of construction by qualifying good-performing products through rigorous review according to industry standards.

Simpson Strong-Tie Donates to Recovery Efforts in Kentucky After Major Flooding

Simpson Strong-Tie is supporting relief for flood victims in Kentucky, USA, with a donation of \$15,000 to the American Red Cross.

A series of powerful storms brought unrelenting rainfall over parts of eastern Kentucky, causing extreme flooding in surrounding neighborhoods and displacing vast numbers of residents. Kentucky Governor, Andy Beshear, declared a state of emergency in the affected counties. To date, over 35 deaths have been confirmed, and more than 450 people are staying in 11 different emergency shelters across the state.

Red Cross teams are on the ground working alongside state and municipal agencies to determine the needs of impacted communities. There are currently more than 440 trained Red Cross disaster workers assisting to provide shelter, meals, and other support.

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