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# Assisting Future Industry Leaders

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In order to be successful in any field, education is of utmost importance. Since 2003, the Builders Foundation has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships for emerging construction industry leaders majoring in Construction Management or Construction Engineering. This has helped many energetic and ambitious young people make their dreams of a career in construction materialize.

For the year 2011, the Foundation has

awarded six scholarships at \$3,000 per year:

## Karla Blanco

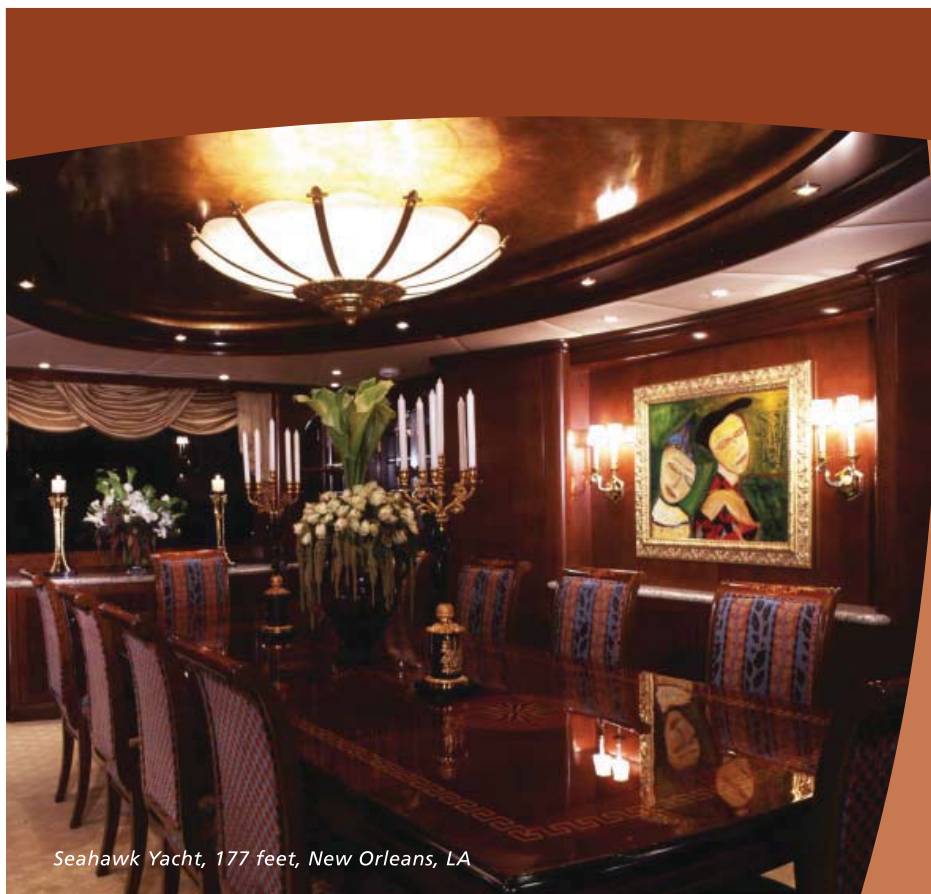
Karla is a Civil Engineering major at Bradley University. The sophomore feels very passionate about the work that the construction industry does in strengthening the communities and this idea was the driving force behind her choice of the construction major. Karla's interest in Habitat for Humanity supports her idea of creating a community-friendly environment

by using various means of construction leadership.

"By working in the construction industry, I could improve or shorten a person's commute to work, make roads safer or build a community center that would bring people together," Blanco said.

## Keegan Goss

Keegan Goss is an Iowa State University sophomore in the Civil Engineering department. Keegan's immense interest in building and design has motivated him to



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step into the construction education. He is a winner of the Edwin R. & Ruth Adland Civil Engineering Scholarship which projects his passion for the field of his choice.

College Planners of America President Michael McKinnon was among his references.

“Keegan is a dedicated and determined young man who has the drive needed to succeed in the field of engineering,” McKinnon wrote.

## Brian Hampel

Another recipient from Iowa State University is sophomore Brian Hampel. His passion for the construction business started to form roots when he was two years old, and he sees himself working for a large commercial contractor in the future. He served last summer as a Technician Intern for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

“Being able to walk through a city and point out certain projects that I either worked on or contributed to in some way is what I dream about,” he said. “I have never had any doubt that construction is what I want to do for the rest of my life.”

## Alius Lapinskas

Iowa State sophomore Alius Lapinskas is a Construction Engineering major with a passion to make a difference in the construction industry.

Alius’s interest in the construction business goes back to his childhood days and he anticipates a career as an engineer, designing buildings and constructing modern facilities.

“What interests me in the construction industry is the life of a structure or building,” Lapinskas said. “From the transportation of materials to changes in the building and machinery used, this process fascinates me.”

## Moses White-Miller

Moses White-Miller of Bradley University is a junior pursuing a career in Civil Engineering. Moses has always been inclined towards creating buildings and plans to impact the lives of other people through innovation and modern technology.

“My work experiences with PACE Suburban Bus Co. have benefitted me greatly in the construction industry,” White-



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Miller said. “I served as a transportation planning intern. The data I helped collect was used to effectively update the Suburban Chicago Transit system route information in accordance with ongoing traffic construction.”

## Ellen Zouras

Purdue University’s Ellen Zouras is a senior Building Construction Management major. Ellen has field experience at both Hardt Electric and Spartan Builders, and her zeal for building “green” has her looking forward to a career in the industry. She hopes to be a LEED AP Project Manager for healthcare projects.

“Living in Chicago my entire life

afforded me to opportunity to be amongst many of the world’s greatest architectural and technological achievements,” Zouras said. “I plan to play a role in developing sustainable construction solutions that would preserve our planet for future generations.”

