

NEWS FROM ACECNJ

EEA 50th Anniversary Engineering Excellence Awards Individual Award Winners Announced!

This year ACECNJ celebrates its 50th Engineering Excellence Awards, recognizing the top accomplishments and contributions of New Jersey's engineering profession to the State of New Jersey, and the nation.

This year ACECNJ will be honoring those who have serviced New Jersey's engineering profession.

Those to be honored are:

Distinguished Service Award

Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
New Jersey Department of Transportation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Bernard P. McNeilly, PE - *WSP USA*
Sanjay Naik, PE - *Naik Group*

Member Recognition Award

James C. Henry, NIV, PMP - *TechniQuest Corporation*



Affiliate Member of the Year Award

Connell Foley, LLP

Educator of the Year Award

Nenad Gucunski, PhD
Rutgers University

Young Professional of the Year Award

Sarah Steib, PE
French & Parrello Associates

50TH ANNUAL

Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

Forsgate Country Club
375 Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg, NJ

Please email info@acecnj.org for more information on reservations and sponsorships.

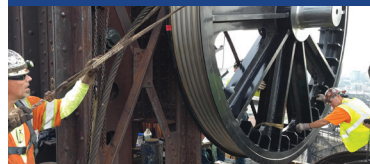
**2020
GRAND
HONOR
AWARDS**

LARGE PROJECT



HDR, Inc.
Bayou Sara Swing Bridge

SMALL PROJECT



Modjeski and Masters, Inc.
Hackensack River Lift - Sheave Replacement

NON-TRANSPORTATION



T&M Associates
Iowa Court & South Green Living Shoreline Project

ACECNJ Emerging Leaders Program 2021

This year, young professionals from firms across our membership have been selected to participate in ACECNJ’s Emerging Leaders Program. A follow up to last year’s inaugural program, 2021’s ELP class includes firms and individuals specializing in a variety of areas from Traffic Design to Acoustics to Public Outreach and Communications.

Committed to developing their leadership abilities, participants are given the opportunity to work directly with industry experts on a number of important topics. Each imparting specific skills and competencies identified by top ACECNJ principals as critical for leadership success. Sessions are highly interactive, and this year’s program opened with an in-depth discussion of Government Affairs lead by Steve Hall, ACEC Senior Vice President for Advocacy and External Affairs. Mr. Hall provided insight into the Government’s influence on the overall business climate and on individual firms’ success. Discussion focused on outlining why business leaders need to know how to participate effectively in the public arena and offered participants suggestions on how to get involved.

Experienced Hostage Negotiator and Founder of Leadercraft Corporate Education, Dan Oblinger closed out the first

session. Mr. Oblinger captured the classes attention with real life stories of instances where active listening literally held the difference between life and death. Participants actively worked to diagnose any listening habits hindering their ability to communicate while identifying practical & effective methods of improving listening, negotiating, and leadership.

Tony Comella, SPHR, Atlas Supply Company oversaw the second Session which over two days focused on Human Resources & Management and Business Development. His expertise outlined the critical nature of ongoing discussions about job performance and the manager/employee relationship.

In addition to educational sessions the ELP provides valuable networking opportunities for the next generation of consulting engineers to meet and begin to develop new relationships. Not only with peers but experienced individuals who have spent their careers in the Transportation and Consulting Engineering industries. Special invited guests were on hand to lead discussion and included Assemblyman Robert Clifton (R-Matawan) and Mike Venuto, Chief Engineer of the Delaware River Port Authority.



ACECNJ President
Joe Fiordaliso



ACECNJ Emerging Leaders class hard at work!



Mike Venuto, DRPA Chief Engineer addressing the Emerging Leaders Class 2021.

ACECNJ hears from keynote speaker Eric Daleo

We are happy to say the ACECNJ General Membership Breakfast series has returned to in person meetings for 2021!

On April 29th, we kicked it off with Eric Daleo, Senior Vice President, Capital Programs at NJ TRANSIT as our first guest speaker. Mr. Daleo spoke at length about NJ TRANSIT’s aggressive program for bus electrification and the agency’s pledge to move to 100% zero emissions by 2032. Diesel buses will be systematically phased out over the next ten years and all NJ TRANSIT garages and facilities are in the process of being modified to accommodate the new fleet.

Daleo also spoke about what a major part resiliency will play in the future. He provided an update on some current and forthcoming projects aimed at helping the transit agency meet its goals in keeping major transportation infrastructure protected.

Join us on May 19th as we continue the GMB series with New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti.



Eric Daleo addresses the ACECNJ membership.

Join us on May 19th!!

The ACECNJ Breakfast series has returned to in person meetings, and we are excited to announce our next speaker!

The second in person breakfast of 2021 will be held on **Wednesday, May 19th** and feature none other than New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti. Commissioner Scaccetti will provide an update on the FY'22 State Transportation Capital Plan as well as insight into the Murphy Administration's plans and priorities for the remainder of the year.

At the recently held FY'22 budget hearings, Commissioner Scaccetti announced a new agreement between

New Jersey Transit and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. The new agreement will fulfill not only the three-year financial commitment made last spring but also provides a substantial increase over the current annual agreement and will infuse a total \$2B into the transit agency's budget.

Sign up now and join us at Forsgate Country Club on **May 19th**. Hope to see you there!



UPCOMING EVENTS

THUNDER ROAD GOLF OUTING JUNE 14, 2021

DESIGN SUMMIT AUGUST 11, 2021

FALL CONFERENCE SEPT. 19-20, 2021

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



John Cimino

Mercer County Commissioner John Cimino became an appointed member of the T&M Associates Board of Directors. Mr. Cimino will be key to their strategic plan moving forward and will provide tremendous value to the organization. Before his seat at the board of directors, he held the positions of Chief Strategy Officer and Vice President for the firm.



Alok Saha, P.E.

Alok Saha joins the Naik Group with an accomplished and celebrated 30-year career in project and program management for design and construction. The former MTA Acting Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer in charge of the Department of Capital Program Management under MTA - New York City Transit, Alok oversaw 1,300 staff including over 300 executives and managers. He was directly in charge of ongoing capital programs with over \$7B in construction, over \$5B in design, and over \$3B in closeout. These projects included the NYCT Capital Programs 2020-2024, 2015-2019, which awarded \$2B-\$3B to capital projects construction annually; and the NYCT Sandy Recovery and Resiliency Program. Alok was deeply involved in the MTA Transformation Program, which was the consolidation of CPM into the newly created MTA Agency Construction and Development. He has worked closely with transit operational and maintenance teams and has continued to embrace innovation and stronger program management and delivering safely built, quality projects for the transit authority while completing projects on time and within budget.

Alok holds a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from City College of New York, and has a Construction Management Certification from Polytechnic Institute at New York University. Additionally, Alok is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York.

Alok will be based out of Naik's Midtown Manhattan office and will work closely with our Senior Management team as a key leader of our PMCM Division where he will focus on continued practice growth and exceptional project delivery.

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Healthcare / Educational / Research / Mixed-Use / Residential / Commercial / Office
Museum / Cultural / Historic Preservation / Religious / Community / Hotel / Resort

Located in Princeton, NJ, with two offices in Syosset (Headquarters) and Troy, NY, our staff of 65 includes professionals with expertise in structural, civil, and traffic engineering, as well as construction/program management and construction inspection.

Gedeon GRC possesses an extensive range of challenging projects in inspection, planning, design, and construction involving the following services:

- Structural Engineering ▪ Site / Civil Design ▪ Roadway / Streetscape Design ▪
▪ Traffic Engineering / Feasibility Studies / Parking / Circulation Design ▪
- ENVISION® / LEED - Sustainable / Green Infrastructure Design ▪ MPT ▪ Utilities Relocation / Design ▪
▪ Stormwater Management / Soil Erosion Control / SWPPP / Sewers ▪
- Geometric Design ▪ Bridge Design / Inspection ▪ Retaining Walls / Bulkheads ▪
▪ Disaster Recovery ▪ Agency Coordination ▪ Drone / UAV Services ▪ Permitting ▪
- Construction Management / Inspection / Administration / Support ▪ Program Management ▪

Gedeon GRC is prequalified with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA).

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