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ASHE NY Metro Chapter Awards \$25k in Scholarship & Launches First Future Leaders Program

NEW YORK, February 23, 2021 – The American Society of Highway Engineers, New York Metro (ASHE NY Metro) chapter, held its Annual Scholarship Awards Meeting & Presentation on February 22nd to celebrate the 2020-21 award recipients, and the launch of the ASHE Future Leaders Program.

Over 55 members, and guests, joined to congratulate the 16 recipients and hear more about the innovative design application of 3D Modeling, on mega projects. Due to an overwhelming number of applicants who applied for the scholarship, the organization increased its number of recipients from 6 to 16. A total of \$25,000 in scholarship awards were presented to students attending CUNY City College, Manhattan College, New York University, and Columbia University. This would not have been possible without the continuous support by firm sponsors, including: [GPI](#), [AECOM](#), [Arora and Associates](#), and [Jacobs Engineering](#).

The following is a complete list of the 2020-2021 scholarship winners:

Frank Gallo Scholarship (GPI) Scholarship - \$2,500

Jason Huang CUNY City College

AECOM Scholarship - \$2,500

Margarita Tsangaridou CUNY City College

Arora and Associates Scholarship - \$2,500

Ahmed Murshed Manhattan College

JACOBS Scholarship - \$2,500

Annie Yen Wu NYU Tandon

ASHE NY Metro Scholarship (2 - \$2,500)

Ashley Bailey CUNY City College

Spencer Alan Good Columbia University

ASHE NY Metro Scholarship (10 - \$1,000)

Alyssa Hirani	Manhattan College
Amir Maghsoudi	CUNY City College
Angel Castro	Manhattan College
Anne Loeliger	Columbia University
Christopher Perdios	Manhattan College
Joohan Kwon	NYU Tandon
Mohamad Karim	Manhattan College
Nicholas Hudanich	NYU Tandon
Odette Dominguez	Manhattan College
Stephen Murphy	Manhattan College



The Future Leaders committee's first technical presentation was conducted by Cameron Schaefer, the Transportation Data Acquisition & Reality Mesh Director at HDR Inc. The presentation centered on the BIM data management aspects of the Automated People Mover (APM) project, at LAX Airport. This \$5B project provided an electric train system on a 2.25 mi elevated guideway with six stations. There were three-hundred designers across twenty-seven design firms and various disciplines worked together to create a groundbreaking visual 3D model. The model depicted vertical (architectural) and horizontal (civil) components of infrastructure, which facilitated conflict detection and design progress. The team was able to implement Schaefer's vision and integrate 180+ models across Revit, Civil 3D, InfraWorks, and Inventor.

Cameron emphasized that, "There's one goal at the end of the day, and that is dynamic up-to-date coordination between our disciplines, regardless of the design platform utilized."

The program was presented by ASHE New York Metro Chapter Future Leaders Program. If you are interested in joining the Future Leaders Committee (mid-level and entry-level professionals), please contact Doug Kusuke, Director of the committee, at dougkusuke@gmail.com. For more information about ASHE and ASHE Scholarships, please visit the current website for more information about membership.