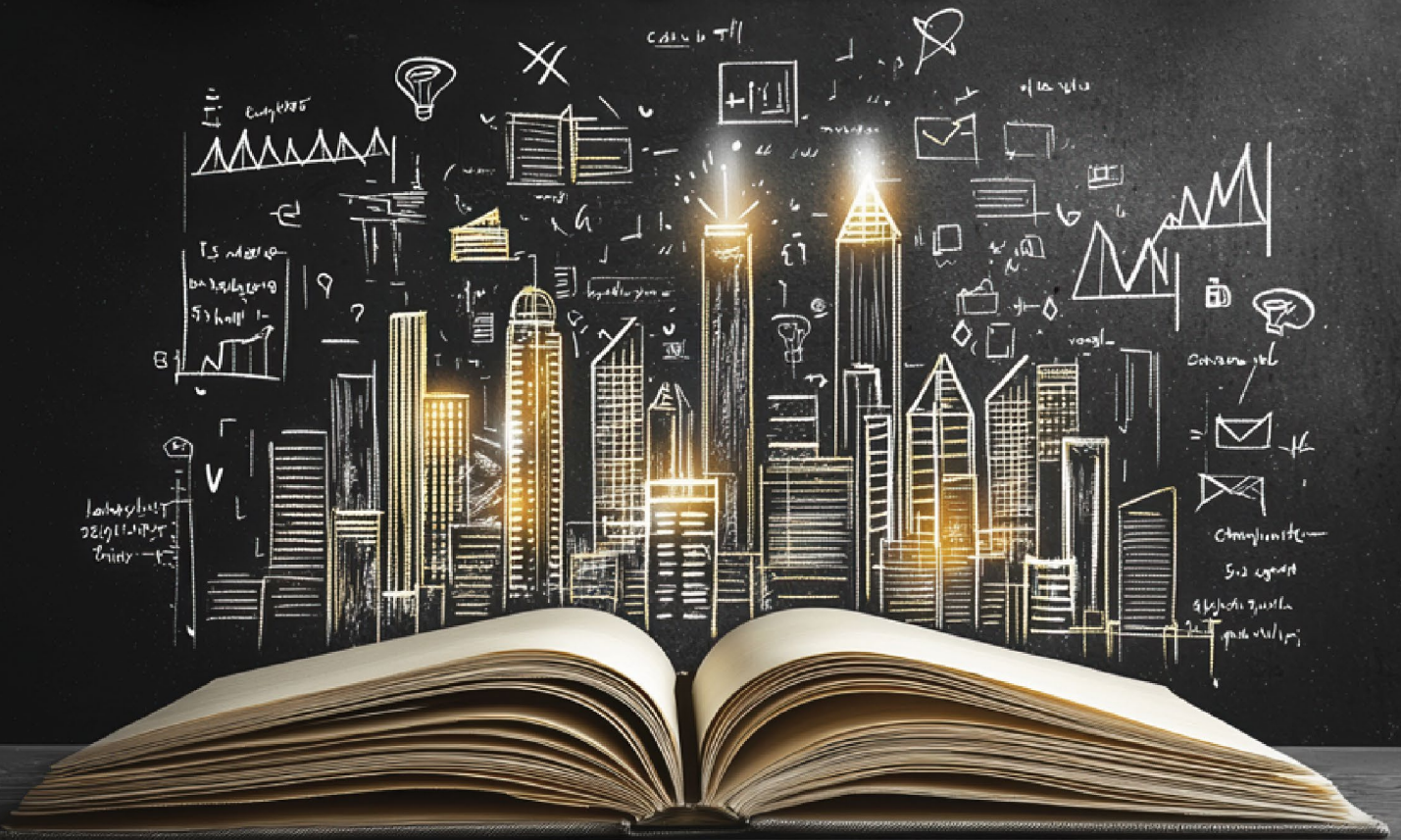




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To support and encourage individuals in the fields of study related to the deep foundations industry by providing scholarships, grants and opportunities to meet and work with deep foundations industry leaders.



VISION

To create opportunities for advancing knowledge in deep foundations and excavations through education, scholarships, and research, fostering a dynamic and skilled geoprofessional workforce. This will provide DFI member firms with exceptional talent and promote excellence within the industry.

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The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Educational Trust is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2006 by the Deep Foundations Institute (an industry association) as its charitable arm. The Trust is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and administered by the staff of the DFI, headquartered in Hawthorne, New Jersey. This structure enables a viable and efficient organization and minimizes management costs.

MESSAGE FROM THE 2026 TRUST CHAIR

To our Donors and those looking to support the Trust,



Helen Robinson

As I begin my term as Chair of the DFI Educational Trust, I am both honored and excited to serve an organization that has played such a vital role in advancing the deep foundations industry through education, scholarships and workforce development. The Trust's mission is more important today than ever as our industry works to attract, develop and retain the next generation of talented professionals.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our immediate past Chair, Rudy Frizzi, for his leadership and dedication, as well as to all the past Chairs and Trustees who have provided exceptional stewardship over the past two decades. Their vision, dedication and commitment have built a strong foundation for the Trust and positioned it for continued success.

Since its founding in 2006, the DFI Educational Trust has awarded more than \$2.7 million in scholarships and grants to over 700 recipients attending more than 100 colleges and universities. These investments have helped students pursue careers in engineering, construction and related disciplines while strengthening the future workforce of our industry.

The Trust's financial strength continues to provide opportunities for meaningful impact. We concluded 2025 with more than \$5.7 million in assets, reflecting the extraordinary generosity of our donors. On behalf of the Trustees and scholarship recipients, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every individual, family, company and organization that has contributed to the Trust over the years. Your support has transformed lives and created opportunities that will benefit our profession for generations to come.

In 2025 alone, the Trust awarded \$293,500 in scholarships and grants. We were especially pleased to see the continued growth of several important initiatives. Through the generous support of multiple companies and individual donors, the Women in Deep Foundations (WiDF) Committee expanded its Professional Development Grant Program from five to ten awards, providing additional opportunities for women to advance their careers and leadership within our industry. Likewise, the Paul DeBruyn Fund provided travel grants to 16 college students, helping defray the cost of attending DFI's 50th Annual Conference and enabling these future industry leaders to engage directly with professionals and emerging technologies.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we also pause to remember Larry Rayburn, a former DFI President and one of the founders of the Educational Trust, who passed away in 2025. Larry's vision and commitment helped establish the Trust and set it on a path that continues to benefit students and the industry today. His legacy will endure through the countless individuals whose lives have been positively impacted by the Trust.

Looking ahead, I am enthusiastic about the opportunities before us. As Chair, I hope to expand support for research initiatives, increase scholarship funding, strengthen partnerships with industry stakeholders and create new pathways to attract talented students into the geotechnical profession. I am also excited about exploring new programs that support workforce development within the construction trades, helping create pathways to rewarding careers while addressing the industry's growing demand for skilled labor. Together, we can build upon the remarkable success of the past twenty years and further enhance the Trust's impact.

I invite all DFI members and industry partners to join us in this effort. Your continued support and contributions are investments in the future of our profession. By supporting the Trust, you are helping develop the engineers, constructors, researchers and leaders who will shape the future of the deep foundations industry.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission and for helping us create opportunities that will benefit generations to come.

Sincerely,

Helen Robinson

Chair, Board of Trustees DFI Educational Trust

FEATURED RECIPIENTS

Where they are now, how they got to work in deep foundations and their advice to future engineers

Taylor Malangone

For Taylor Malangone, a career in deep foundations runs in her family. First introduced to this field by her older sister, she surprised herself when she started enjoying the geotechnical courses she was enrolled in during her junior year at Manhattan University. "I was able to make connections at AECOM while I was interning for them and they helped me transition to their geotechnical department for my upcoming summer internship, during which I was able to make more connections in the industry and see the different roles and opportunities available."

Not only did Taylor receive the George J. Tamaro Manhattan University Civil Engineering Scholarship in 2019, but she was also invited to attend the award ceremony at the Trust's Gala Fundraising Dinner in New York. The Gala provides a unique opportunity to bring together people from all different aspects of the field of deep foundations from contractors, engineers, vendors, and professors to the students that are the future of the industry. "Receiving the scholarship was also the way I became more familiar with DFI and all the incredible work they do. At the Gala in which I received the scholarship, I met a great group of people who, at the time, I did not know I would work with one day."

Taylor has been working for Underpinning and Foundation Skanska (UFS) for the past four years, first as a field engineer and now as an assistant superintendent. Some notable projects that Taylor has been a part of include the Portal North Bridge in New Jersey, along with various deep foundation operations including pile driving, micropiles, large diameter drilled shafts and some smaller scale projects which included pile driving, secant wall installation, drilled-in piles and grouting.

"I love being out in the field where I can develop meaningful relationships with project teams, crews and clients all while seeing the work come to life. It is especially rewarding when you are part of a team that delivers work safely and efficiently." Aside from being out in the field, Taylor was also recently able to spend some time with UFS's estimating team learning the side of the business that pursues upcoming work and developing estimates for new opportunities.

Advice to future civil engineers:

"Put yourself out there to build connections and take advantage of every opportunity. If you're unsure of the path you want to take and even if you think you know your path, seek out a variety of experiences to better understand the different opportunities available to a civil engineer and discover what you truly enjoy."

Taylor Malangone



Joseph D'Angelo



Like many young students, Joseph D'Angelo didn't learn about the deep foundations field until well into his civil engineering undergraduate studies. Now an alum of McMaster University, Joseph was exposed to – and immediately interested in – geotechnics and the deep foundations industry in his junior year and credits this to the dynamic classroom teachings and shared on-the-job stories of his professors. These professors would later introduce Joseph to DFI. Once familiarized with DFI, Joseph pursued the scholarships offered through the Trust – being awarded the Manuel A. Fine Civil Engineering Scholarship in 2024 – as well as the networking opportunities and looks forward to attending DFI events going forward. Currently at Arup, Joseph is working on the Bloor Yonge Capacity Improvement Project, where he is focusing on hydrogeological, construction impact

assessment and geotechnical scopes.

"I commute via Bloor-Yonge to work every day and have been using the station my whole life to get around Toronto. I love the opportunity to be able to work on a project directly related to my experience of the city." Joseph pursued civil engineering to make a positive impact on his community and the city in which he lived, and he says that "working on major infrastructure projects lets

As many young professionals in the field learn early on, Taylor loves that no two projects are the same and each one brings its own challenges. "This field has helped teach me how to adapt and overcome adversity and think outside of the box alongside talented professionals."

When she isn't working, Taylor enjoys trying new foods, traveling and spending time with friends and family, especially her niece and nephews!

Advice to future civil engineers:

"Relaying some of the best advice he's benefited from, Joseph says, "It is easy to feel like you know a good bit of what there is to know, but really, you are just starting to build a foundation in terms of your knowledge. It is much more useful – and helpful to others – to assume you know nothing and be ready to learn and ask thoughtful questions in your early career than try to have all the answers."

Joseph D'Angelo

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FEATURED RECIPIENTS

Joseph D'Angelo, continued from previous page...

me do that in a direct way. I want my work to build towards something positive for others, whether it is a blast or a little boring is beside the point." So, what does he like most about his role at Arup? The impact and the purpose!

Joseph is currently pursuing a master's degree in civil engineering at the University of Toronto. In his free time, Joseph enjoys hiking, rock climbing, reading and eating at local restaurants and cafes throughout the city.

Sara Magallón



Sara Magallón's path into deep foundations reflects a willingness to take calculated risks—and trust where they might lead. A graduate of the University of California-Davis, and a 2018 recipient of the Michael L. Condon Civil Engineering Scholarship, she earned her bachelor's in civil and environmental engineering with a minor in engineering geology before beginning her career in geotechnical consulting in the San Francisco Bay Area.

At Langan Engineering and then at Rockridge Geotechnical, Sara worked on complex subsurface investigations and provided construction observation for shoring systems, shallow and deep foundations and ground improvement projects. This early experience built a strong technical and field foundation, shaping her understanding of constructability and real-world performance.

Nearly seven years after graduating, she made a decision to leave California and pursue a master's degree in geological engineering at Montana Technological University.

"Moving to Montana pushed me outside of my comfort zone and ultimately changed the trajectory of my career," she says.

After graduate school, Sara transitioned from consulting into specialty design-build construction, joining GeoStabilization International (GSI) as a project engineer. She later took another leap, relocating to the Southeast, where she has grown into her current role as a project development engineer over the past six years.

Based in Tennessee, Sara supports infrastructure owners, contractors and agencies from initial problem identification through engineered solution delivery. Her consulting background, combined with field experience, allows her to bridge the gap between design and construction.

She also credits her growth to recognizing and leaning into her strengths. "I've learned the importance of listening to your strengths. For me, that's working with people—collaborating across teams and building client relationships."

At GSI, those skills have helped her grow into a project development role and she emphasizes that her success is rooted in years of field experience, long hours and hard work.

"What I love about this industry is that it's not a one-person show — it's a team effort, and everyone's contribution matters."

Outside of work, Sara enjoys staying active outdoors — hiking, mountain biking, spending time with her dogs and hosting dinners for friends.

Advice to future civil engineers:

"Don't be afraid to take risks—even when the path forward isn't clear. Some of the most impactful decisions I've made came from stepping outside my comfort zone, whether that was going back to school, changing career paths, or relocating across the country. Stay curious, seek out field experience and be open to change—you never know where it might lead."

Sara Magallón

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in scholarships and grants
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700 individuals



2025 DFI EDUCATIONAL TRUST HIGHLIGHTS

WiDF Telethon at DFI50

At DFI's 50th anniversary celebration at the Annual Conference, the Women in Deep Foundations (WiDF) committee could once again be seen at their table in the exhibit hall. Throughout the week, committee members shared the mission of the WiDF committee with attendees, spoke with industry professionals and students interested in getting involved in WiDF initiatives, and – equally as important – hosted the WiDF grant telethon for the second year in a row.

The effort successfully advanced the mission of funding professional development grants for women in the industry to attend DFI51 in Orlando in 2026. Through the generosity of several DFI members and member companies, the committee raised \$24,000 to fund grants in 2026.



WiDF Committee members hosting mid-telethon, when already 10 grants had been raised for women in the industry to attend DFI50.

Welcome New Trustee

Howard Perko, Ph.D., P.E., was elected in 2025 as a trustee of the DFI Educational Trust beginning on January 1, 2026.



This appointment followed the conclusion of his nine-year term on the DFI Board of Trustees in December 2025. Outside of his leadership roles within the institute, Dr. Perko serves as the director of engineering at Magnum Piering, where he specializes in the technical strategy and design of deep foundation systems.

Gonzaga Symposium

On October 10, 2025, the M. Byrl and Frances M. Williams Fund supported a symposium, Real World Ready: Construction, Design, Risk and Reward, at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Championed by Byrl Williams, the event reflected DFI's strong commitment to university engagement and provided students with direct industry insight.

Although not intended as a fundraising event, strong corporate sponsorships helped to significantly offset costs and the symposium successfully advanced student learning and industry engagement, reinforcing the Fund's commitment to supporting educational opportunities and encouraging students and faculty at Gonzaga University to engage in studies related to the deep foundations industry.



This free event for students attending Gonzaga University, Washington State University, University of Idaho and Eastern Washington University, as well as others like it, bring real world learning to the classroom and help attract the best and brightest to our industry.

Paul DeBruyn Grants

In 2025, 21 travel grants of \$1,000 each were made available to support students attending one of DFI's upcoming conferences. These grants covered lodging, meals, travel and other related expenses and recipients received full conference registration at no cost.

In memory of Paul DeBruyn, a DFI trustee and active participant in DFI's annual conferences and their growth over the years, the Paul DeBruyn grant program has been fully revitalized, and grants will continue to be made available in the coming years.



Students attended full or partial programming at DFI50 for free, sitting in on sessions, networking throughout the exhibit hall and learning about DFI.



IN MEMORY OF

LARRY P. RAYBURN

1933 - 2025

Larry P. Rayburn, respected leader, innovator and mentor passed away in March 2025, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of industry advancement and as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and cherished friend to many.

As chairman emeritus of Richard Goettle, Larry played a transformative role in the company's growth, culture and technical excellence. Throughout his distinguished career, he designed hundreds of earth retention projects, pile foundations and cofferdams. His experience and leadership earned him widespread respect within the geotechnical community.

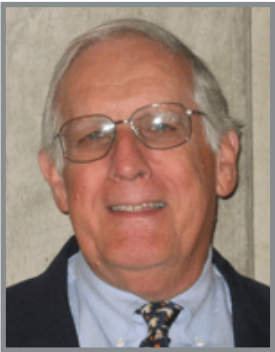
Larry's commitment to the industry extended far beyond his work at Goettle. He was a charter member of DFI, served as Trustee from 1993-2004 and president 2001-2002 as well as one of the earliest Educational Trust board members. He was an active member of the UC Advisory Board, American Society of Civil Engineers, The Moles, the American Arbitration Association and the American Institute of Constructors.

Over the course of his career, Rayburn received many honors including the Spirit of Construction Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002, distinguished service awards from UC's civil engineering department and DFI, both in 2006, as well as the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers in 2008.

A proud graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, Larry remained deeply committed to education and mentorship throughout his life. Sharing the same mission and vision as DFI's Educational Trust, he established the Larry P. Rayburn Scholarship Fund in 2012 to support students at his alma mater.

"Larry was a valued member of our organization, and a dear friend, whose wisdom, kindness, generosity, and steady presence touched so many of us over the years," says Theresa Engler, DFI Executive Director.

Larry's leadership, generosity and lasting contributions to the industry will not be forgotten. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know and work alongside him.



Larry P. Rayburn



Support your
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2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The DFI Educational Trust supports many students across the United States and Canada pursuing a degree in civil engineering or a field related to the deep foundations industry. With your generous donations, you are alleviating some of the financial costs associated with higher education and helping the Trust attract the best and brightest to the industry.

LANGAN Legacy Scholarships

The following students are the 2025 recipients of the **LANGAN Legacy Scholarships**, each receiving a \$6,250 scholarship.

Bernard F. Langan Scholarship



Ella Berkowitz, junior, Purdue University

Donald J. Murphy Memorial Scholarship



Caroline Evans, graduate student, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

George P. Kelley Memorial Scholarship



Daisy Jung, senior, Drexel University

Manuel A. Fine Civil Engineering Scholarships

The Trust awarded two **Manuel A. Fine Civil Engineering Scholarships**, in the amount of \$4,000 each. The scholarship fund was established in 2013 and honors Manuel Fine (1929-2018), who served DFI for 24 years in many roles. The fund provides scholarships for civil engineering students attending universities in the Province of Ontario.



Rishav Jaiswal, doctoral student, McMaster University



Charlotte Trainor, junior, University of Waterloo

Penn State University Scholarships (\$4,000 each)

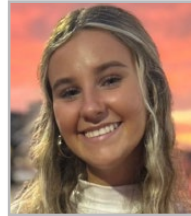


Diana Deleon, senior

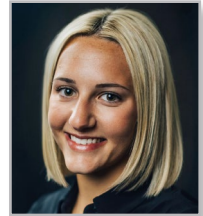


Aavash Ghimire, doctoral student

University of Pittsburgh Scholarships (\$4,000 each)



Jemma Sikora, sophomore



Samantha Achille, senior

Stanley Merjan/CCNY Civil Engineering Scholarships

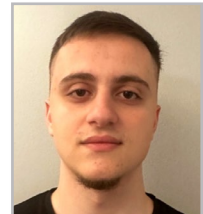
The fund was established in 2010 and is named for the late Stanley Merjan (1928-2019), an inspiration and mentor to young engineers throughout the construction industry, and a graduate of City College of New York (CCNY).

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Authoy Khondoker, senior

(\$5,000)



Jurgen Lala, senior

(\$2,500)



Chaw Nandar, senior

(\$2,500)

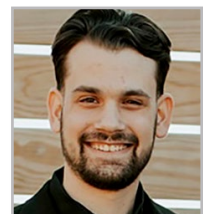


Alexander Estrella, junior

Goble Rausche Likins Scholarships (\$5,000 each)



Tyler Fogarty, junior, Rochester Institute of Technology



Matthew Slater, senior, University of Toledo

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

George J. Tamaro Manhattan University Civil Engineering Scholarships (\$2,500 each)

The scholarship is named for George J. Tamaro, the first ever DFI Legends-Engineer Award recipient and a graduate of Manhattan University.



Armando Flores,
senior



Bruce Jiang, senior



Sabrina Kievit,
senior



Volodymyr Kurchak,
senior



Isabella O'Hara,
senior



Domenick Recine,
senior

Menard Carnegie Mellon University Scholarships (\$5,000 each)



Carlyle Najarian,
junior



Gibrilla Kamara,
senior

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship Recipient University of California, Berkeley (\$5,000)

The scholarship honors Charles J. Berkel, a distinguished charter member of DFI.



Laura Viera, junior

Scholarships at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000)



Camila Marden, senior

LANGAN/Dennis J. Leary Scholarship (\$6,250)



Aaron Perez Araya, senior

Michael L. Condon Civil Engineering Scholarships (\$4,000 each)



Jason Frame, senior,
California
Polytechnic State
University-San Luis
Obispo



Zachary Clark, senior,
Montana Tech

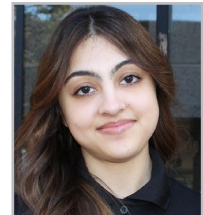


Sepehr Akhtarshenas,
graduate student,
Virginia Tech

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship Recipients at University of Houston (\$1,250 each)



Zeus Gallo, senior



Minaal Kamran,
sophomore



Deena Mir, senior

Cameron Rohlmeier,
junior

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Larry P. Rayburn/University of Cincinnati Scholarships (\$2,500 each)



Colin Mansell, freshman



Noah Recker, freshman

Pierson Kovick,
freshman

Austin Reynolds,
freshman

William F. Loftus Memorial Scholarships (\$2,500 each)

This scholarship was established in 2024, in memory of William F. (Bill) Loftus, a DFI founder and the only DFI president to serve the organization twice in that role, 1981-82 and 1984-85. The fund provides annual scholarships to undergraduate and graduate civil engineering students in the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Manhattan University, Bill's alma mater.



Tito Mora, senior



Julia Tsometzis, senior

At-Large Scholarships

The At-Large Scholarships are available to students pursuing careers in civil and geotechnical engineering or in construction management attending any accredited college or university in the United States. At-Large scholarships are awarded from several funds at different amounts.

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$3,000)



Shamontee Aziz, doctoral student,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Austin Berger, junior,
University of Central Florida

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$2,000)



Luciano Campos, masters student,
Virginia Tech

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$4,000)



Xiaomin Chen, masters student,
Virginia Tech

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Yelena Cherubin-Lambert, junior,
Howard University

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



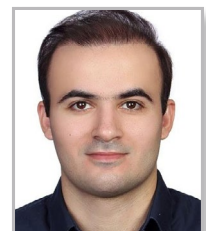
Harvey Chu, senior,
University of Hawaii at Manoa

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$2,000)



Suvechha Dhakal, masters student,
Southern Illinois University

Thomas J. Wysocky Civil Engineering Scholarship (\$5,000)



Ali Doostvandi, doctoral student,
Texas A&M University

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At-Large Scholarships (continued)

Francis Gularte Scholarship
(\$2,500)



Melinda Eason, masters student, Villanova University

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Emily Fasig, junior, University of Delaware

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$2,000)



Matthew Flores, doctoral student, Iowa State University

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$2,000)



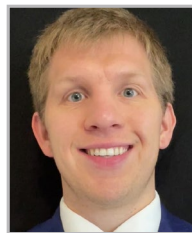
Kiarash Jafarzadeh Marandi, junior, University of Louisville

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Abdulsalam Kalonji, masters student, Howard University

Clyde N. Baker, Jr. Foundation Engineering Scholarship (\$5,000)



Tyler Kleinsasser, junior, SD School of Mines and Technology

Thomas J. Wysocky Civil Engineering Scholarship (\$5,000)



Jordan Launstein, sophomore, Iowa State University

Thomas J. Wysocky Civil Engineering Scholarship (\$5,000)



Lucas Liberatore, masters student, Virginia Military Institute

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Amber Lyons, junior, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Faith Macchione, junior, Stevens Institute of Technology

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Kiley McNeill, senior, Rochester Institute of Technology

DFI Educational Trust General Scholarship (\$1,000)



Guadalupe Mendoza, doctoral student, Texas Tech University

Francis Gularte Scholarship (\$2,500) and Fred H. Kulhawy Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)



Angela Mink, masters student, University of Colorado Boulder

Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)



Cannon Moser, junior, The University of Toledo

John O'Malley Scholarship (\$5,000)



Fereydoun Najafian Jazi, doctoral student, University of Louisville

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

At-Large Scholarships (continued)

John O'Malley Scholarship
(\$5,000)



*Michael Odelola, doctoral student,
Florida International University*

Terracon Consultants
Scholarship (\$3,000)



*Edgar Ortega, doctoral student,
University of Arkansas*

Charles J. Berkel Memorial
Scholarship (\$2,000)



*Graham Richard, sophomore,
Kent State University*

DFI Educational Trust General
Scholarship (\$4,000)



*Rupsa Roy, doctoral student,
Iowa State University*

Charles J. Berkel Memorial
Scholarship (\$2,000)



*Nicklas Schmidt-Bailey, senior,
Seattle University*

DFI Educational Trust General
Scholarship (\$3,000)



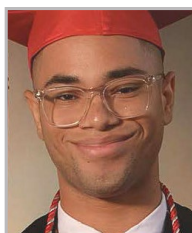
*Jenna Stein, masters student,
University of Colorado Boulder*

DFI Educational Trust General
Scholarship (\$2,000)



*Keyur Vanani, masters student,
Stevens Institute of Technology*

Charles J. Berkel Memorial
Scholarship (\$3,000)



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2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS & COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the Eleven WiDF Grant Recipients

The DFI Educational Trust awarded eleven recipients for the WiDF Professional Development Grants to women working in the deep foundations industry - DOUBLE the number of grants given out in previous years. These grants, of \$1,750 each, provided financial assistance for attending DFI50 in Nashville, Tennessee, October 20-23. The grant defrayed travel and lodging expenses and included complimentary conference registration. These grants were awarded during the conference at the 9th Annual WiDF Networking Reception at the Nashville Palace.

Since 2015 the Trust's WiDF Fund has awarded \$97,000 in grants. Congratulations to the 2025 recipients:



*Sara Amoroso, Ph.D.,
associate professor, University
of Chieti-Pescara, Italy*



*Lauren Augustin, E.I.T.,
Isherwood Geostuctural
Engineers*



*Chelsey Brummer, P.E.,
assistant foundation engineer,
Minnesota Department of
Transportation*



*Yamini Grover, E.I.T., senior
staff engineer, Fugro USA Land*



*Sharon Hartley, P.E., senior
engineer, GeoStructures*



*Libby Hayden, R&D engineer,
Schnabel*



*Yuqi Mi, Ph.D. student, Georgia
Institute of Technology*



*Marjan Shahrokh, Ph.D., P.E.,
geostuctural engineer, Keller*



*Margarita Restrepo, P.E.,
senior geotechnical engineer,
Shannon & Wilson*



*Aidy Ung, E.I.T., staff geotechnical
engineer, Haley & Aldrich*



*Kalaarasi Vembu, Ph.D., P.E.,
supervising engineer, Fugro USA Marine*

Congratulations to the Student Paper Competition Winner

For over 20 years, DFI and the DFI Educational Trust annually hold the Student Paper Competition as a way to bring together practice, studies and research.

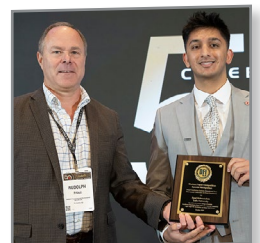
The winner of the 2025 DFI Educational Trust Student Paper Competition is Song Qin, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, for his paper, "Investigation of Vibratory Hammer Installation for Deeply Embedded Ring Anchor System in Sand." This paper explores Deeply Embedded Ring Anchor (DERA) development and ability to address the challenges that exist in heterogeneous soil conditions. Qin's paper also evaluates the feasibility of vibratory installation for the anchor-



**Song Qin receiving award
from Rudy Frizzi, past chair
of the DFI Educational
Trust.**

follower system and the follower extraction process using vibratory hammers.

Saad Rehmatullah, E.I.T., Tufts University, is the recipient of a special recognition award for his paper "Use of Nondestructive Testing To Establish Installation Disturbance Zone Criteria for Adjacent Continuous Flight Auger Pile Installation on Design Build Project."



**Saad Rehmatullah receiving
award from Rudy Frizzi.**

The 2025 winners receive a \$1,000 travel stipend, free conference registration and a complimentary 2-year DFI Individual Membership.

CUMULATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AWARDS SINCE INCEPTION: 2008 – 2025

Over \$2.7 Million in Total Scholarship and Grant Awards

Scholarships were awarded to high school*, undergraduate, and graduate students. In addition, the Trust awarded travel grants to professional women (WiDF) and students (DeBruyn Fund) to attend the DFI Annual Conference.

\$100,000 - \$200,000+ \$261,750 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign \$227,500 Carnegie Mellon University \$197,000 City College of New York \$195,250 University of California, Berkeley \$151,500 University of Cincinnati \$148,000 Manhattan University \$137,000 Auburn University \$122,500 University of Houston	\$28,750 University of Colorado, Boulder \$25,000 Rochester Institute of Technology \$24,500 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology \$24,000 Paul DeBruyn Fund Travel Grants \$23,000 University of Arkansas \$23,000 Oregon State University \$21,250 California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo \$21,000 Brigham Young University	\$6,000 - \$10,999 \$10,000 California State University, Long Beach Florida International University The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina \$9,000 Montana Tech \$8,250 Kent State University \$8,000 Portland State University \$7,500 University of Idaho \$7,250 Northwestern University \$7,000 Howard University New Jersey Institute of Technology University of Akron University of Central Florida University of Maine University of Missouri, Columbia University of Toledo \$6,500 Santa Clara University University of Rhode Island \$6,000 University of Toronto (Ontario)	\$4,250 University of Texas at Arlington University of Delaware \$4,000 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mississippi State University Rutgers University The College of New Jersey University of Kentucky
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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AT-A-GLANCE

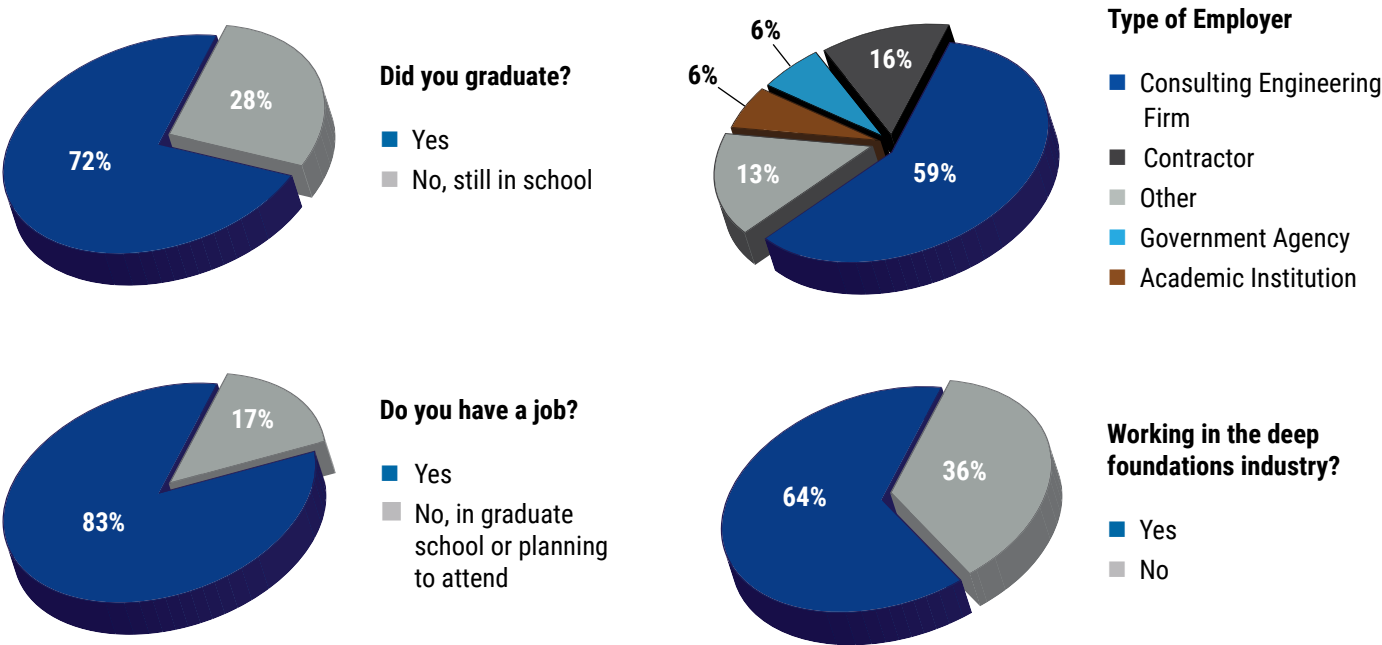
Fund	Year Established	Annual Awards	Purpose/Institutions
Hal Hunt Lecture Fund	2008	Varies	Funds honorarium for the Hal Hunt Lecture
Paul De Bruyn Memorial Student Scholarship Fund	2008	Varies	Provides engineering students with grants to defray travel and other costs of attending DFI conferences and events
Charles J. Berkel Memorial Scholarship Fund	2008	\$50,000*	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S. Also, at these specific schools: University of California, Berkeley, University of Houston, and University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Stanley Merjan CCNY Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2010	\$15,000	City College of New York
Menard Carnegie Mellon Scholarship Fund	2012	\$10,000-\$20,000	Carnegie Mellon University
DFI Trust General Scholarship Fund	2012	\$10,000-\$25,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
Larry P. Rayburn University of Cincinnati Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2012	\$10,000-\$15,000	University of Cincinnati
Francis Gularte Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2013	\$5,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
Manuel A. Fine Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2013	\$8,000-\$10,000	Any accredited college or university in Province of Ontario, Canada
John O'Malley Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2013	\$10,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
Thomas J. Wysocky Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2014	\$15,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S. Special consideration given to students from military academies or with military background.
Women in Deep Foundations Fund	2014	\$10,000-\$20,000	Provides assistance to women currently employed within the deep foundations industry or academia to attend conferences and other professional activities
LANGAN Engineering and Environmental Services Legacy Fund	2015	\$25,000	Drexel University, Purdue University, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, NYU/Tandon School of Engineering
Michael L. Condon Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2015	\$12,000-\$15,000	Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly-Pomona, San Diego State, Santa Clara University, University of California, Davis, Oregon State University, Washington State University, Montana Tech, University of Colorado-Boulder and Virginia Tech
Penn State University Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2015	\$8,000	Penn State University
University of Pittsburgh Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2015	\$8,000	University of Pittsburgh
George J. Tamaro Manhattan University Civil Engineering Scholarship Fund	2016	\$15,000	Manhattan University
Fred H. Kulhawy Memorial Scholarship Fund	2018	\$1,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
DFI Ed Trust/Terracon Consultants Scholarship Fund	2019	\$3,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
Clyde N. Baker, Jr. Foundation Engineering Scholarship Fund	2020	\$5,000	At-Large. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
Goble Rausche Likins Scholarship Fund	2020	\$10,000	Civil engineering, electrical engineering and computer science students with prior employment, co-op or internship experience with a civil engineering application. Any accredited college or university in the U.S.
M. Byrl and Frances M. Williams Fund	2025	Varies	Provides funding for research, student projects, travel and related DFI business, and other such activities at Gonzaga University
William F. Loftus Memorial Scholarship	2025	\$5,000	Manhattan University

*Minimum annual disbursement per the wishes of the donor; annual amount may be larger depending on investment return.

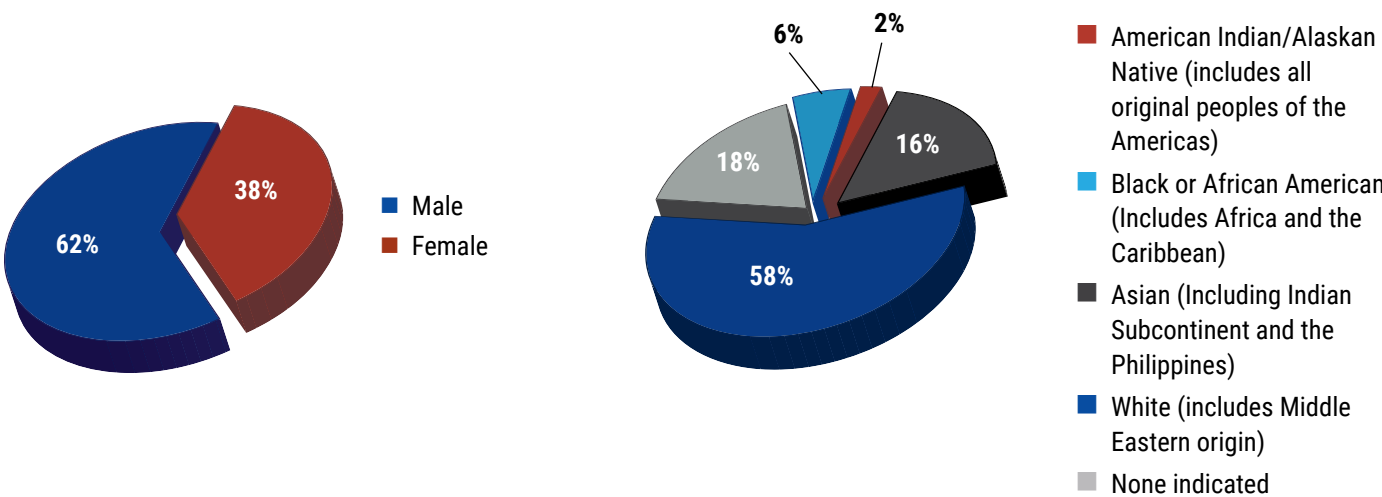
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Where are the Trust's Scholarship Recipients?

In the early part of every year, the Trust conducts a survey of scholarship recipients who graduated (or were scheduled to graduate) the previous year. The survey asks those that have graduated whether they have obtained employment or are going on to graduate school, and, if employed, the type of employer they work for and if that employment is in the deep foundations industry. The following are average percentages for student recipients surveyed between 2014-2025:



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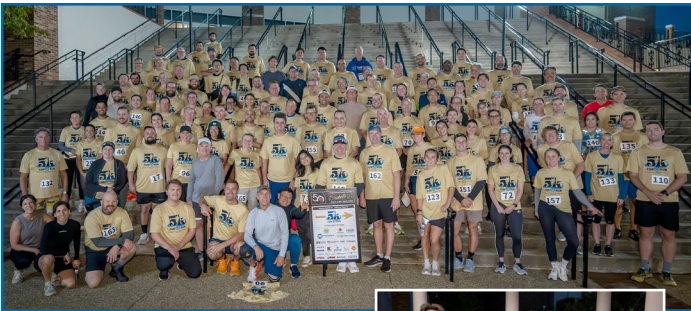
NOTE: 17% of recipients identified as Hispanic/Latino in addition to indicating their race/ethnicity.

2025 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

5K Fun Run/Walk

The Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk took place in October during DFI's 50th Annual Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, Tennessee. Participants started their day early, setting off on the route through the beautiful Gaylord property. The 2025 event achieved its highest turnout to date, 166 registrants, raising approximately \$24,000 to support scholarships for students pursuing careers in deep foundations engineering and construction management.

Congratulations to all who participated, and to the winners, Isabella Kennedy, GZA Geoenvironmental, in the women's division, and Sean Condon, Posillico, in the men's division.



Group picture of 2025 5k Fun Run/Walk participants before setting out on the route.



Pennsylvania Golf Outing

Celebrating its 20th year, the Pennsylvania Golf Outing was held to benefit the DFI Educational Trust's University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University scholarship funds. Golfers gathered at Chartiers County Club for a day of golf and good company. The July event netted \$44,000 which were divided equally between the two scholarship funds.

Since 2006, this Golf Outing has raised nearly \$600,000 in net proceeds for the DFI Educational Trust. Part of these proceeds have endowed the DFI Educational Trust Menard Carnegie Mellon Scholarship Fund, which has awarded over \$177,000 in scholarships since 2012. The Pitt and Penn State Funds each awarded \$8,000 in 2025, totaling \$68,000 since their inauguration in 2020.



Chartiers Golf Course, Pittsburgh, PA

New Jersey Golf Outing

Celebrating its 14th year, the ACE Mentor Program and DFI Educational Trust New Jersey Golf Outing in August raised \$24,925 split between the ACE Mentor Program and the Trust



Golfers headed out to enjoy the front 9 at Lake Mohawk Golf Club.

scholarship program to support students pursuing studies in deep foundations, architecture, engineering and construction. Returning to Lake Mohawk Golf Club in Sparta, New Jersey, this event benefitted the Trust's General Fund.

This full day event was complete with breakfast, 18-holes of golf, a lunch reception, awards and raffles.

California Golf Outing

A record number of golfers turned out for the annual California Golf Outing, raising \$15,445 to fund scholarships for students pursuing their academic studies in fields related to the deep foundations industry.

Golfers and friends of the Trust continue to gather annually for this event in Dublin, California, to benefit the Trust's General Fund.



A beautiful day out on the Dublin Ranch Golf Course.

Giving Tuesday

Each year the Educational Trust participates in #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving. In 2025, \$8,500 was raised to support DFI scholarship programs that help bring the best and brightest to our industry. Interested in making a year-end gift in 2026? DFI continues to host a #GivingTuesday donation page each fall. Donations made to the DFI Trust are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. We encourage you to explore doubling your impact by pursuing a company match for donations made towards #GivingTuesday or any donation made at trust.dfi.org/donate.



2025 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Annual Gala Dinner

The DFI Educational Trust's Annual Fundraising Gala Dinner continues to bring together individuals and companies who are committed to supporting our efforts to help young students discover the rewards of a career in the deep foundations industry. The Trust's 18th Gala Fundraising Dinner returned to New York and was held on November 6, 2025, at Terrace on the Park. Proceeds from this event benefitted the newly established William F. Loftus Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This fundraiser continues to be well attended by students at Manhattan University and City College of New York and other NY/NJ area schools.



18th Annual Trust Gala, November 6, 2025

WiDF at DFI50

The Trust and the DFI WiDF Committee hosted its annual networking reception at Nashville Palace with country music, line dancing, BBQ and a celebration of this year's recipients of the WiDF Professional Development Grants, which funded the winners' attendance at DFI50. A record number of 11 fully sponsored grants were awarded thanks to the corporate sponsors.



Live country band performs on stage while friends of WiDF pack the dance floor.

SuperPile and S3 Receptions

2025 looked a bit different as DFI celebrated 50 years! SuperPile and S3 programming included Cheers to 50 Years celebrations in place of the usual WiDF receptions. These ticketed celebratory receptions brought friends and colleagues together to celebrate DFI's 50th anniversary, enjoying camaraderie, cocktails and great food. At SuperPile '25 in June, this event was hosted at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame where attendees were also able to tour the museum and hall of fame. The Cheers to 50 Years Reception at S3 was held at the Great Dane Pub & Brewing in Hilldale, Wisconsin.

A portion of the proceeds from both events benefitted the DFI Educational Trust WiDF Fund.



L-R: Craig Berninger, Michael Large and Mary Ellen Large at The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for the Cheers to 50 Years Reception at SuperPile'25.



S3 Reception attendees network and sip brews at Great Dane Pub & Brewing.

Thank You

The DFI Educational Trust gratefully acknowledges DFI for their generosity in providing in-kind contributions of staff time, office space, supplies and other valuable resources. This support allows the Trust to direct more funds to scholarships, programs and services for the individuals in our industry.



2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Position

As of December 31, 2025

Assets	\$5,695,498
Liabilities	\$8,358
Net Assets.....	\$5,687,140

Statement of Activities 2025

Revenues

Contributions	\$105,906
Investment Income	\$246,021
Fundraising events (net)	\$135,044
TOTAL REVENUES.....	\$486,971

Expenses/Disbursements

Scholarships and Grants	\$293,500
Paper Competition Awards.....	\$1,738
Miscellaneous expense.....	\$428
TOTAL EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS	\$295,666
NET INCOME.....	\$191,305

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Major donors are those who have contributed \$1,000 or more in 2025.

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Annual 5K Run

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2025 New York Gala Dinner

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Pennsylvania Golf Outing

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SuperPile '26 WiDF Networking Reception
New Orleans, Louisiana

OCT
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California Golf Outing
Pleasanton, California

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Pennsylvania Golf Outing
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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DFI51 WiDF Networking Reception
Orlando, Florida

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S3 WiDF Networking Reception
Charlotte, North Carolina

NOV
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5K Fun Run/Walk at DFI51
Orlando, Florida

SEP
9

Manuel Fine Fundraising Dinner
Toronto, Canada

NOV
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19th Annual Gala Fundraising Dinner
Arvada, Colorado



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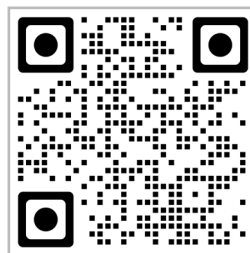
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