

EGCA's second Scholarship Program awards \$14,000

For the second consecutive year, the Southern California headquarters of Escondido-based EGCA member Red Mountain Machinery Company provided the venue for EGCA's Scholarship Awards Presentation. In addition, the evening featured a tribute to this year's Scholarship honoree, the late Monty Chilcote (See separate article).

Scholarship awards were presented by individual members of the EGCA Scholarship Awards Committee, each providing a thumbnail sketch of the scholarship recipients. The evening's highlights were preserved by professional photographer Paul Nestor, who took time from his incredibly full schedule to cover the event, because, in his own words, "It is really something very worthwhile EGCA is doing with this program."

TWO \$1,000 RECIPIENTS

Scholarship Committee member Rodger Fosbinder, of Hawthorne Rent It, presented the first two scholarship awards of the evening, each for \$1,000. He said each of the two students was "equally regarded in their schools and in their local community."

The recipients were Rebecca Taylor, a graduate of Granite Hills High School, and Christopher Concannon, of Escondido High School. Christopher was graduating that night and was unable to attend the EGCA event. Rebecca, the daughter of Ruth and Steve Turner, carried a GPA of 4.62 and was in the top five in her class. She plans to attend Cal State Berkeley as an engineering major. Among her after-school activities was employment at EGCA member 4 Point Pipeline Construction and volunteer work



Front row: Scholarship Committee member Rodger Fosbinder, and scholarship recipients Rebecca Taylor, James Connelly, and Broc Wilde. Not pictured: Christopher Concannon, whose high school graduation ceremony was the same night. Back row: EGCA President Mike Arme, Scholarship Committee member Tom Shaddox, EGCA Executive Director Debbie Day, and Scholarship Committee members Nick Napier and Jeff Anderson. Jeff is immediate past president of EGCA.

Photo by Paul Nestor

He planted the seed

At the close of EGCA's second annual Scholarship Awards Program at Red Mountain Machinery Co. in June, EGCA President Mike Arme singled out fellow EGCA Contractor and board member for being responsible for the successful program.

That man is Nick Napier, of 4 Point Pipeline Construction.

"About six years ago, when I started my first term as EGCA president, Nick came up to me with an idea. You may recall that we had started giving individual awards: President's Award, Contractor Award, Affiliate Award, and so on. Nick mentioned the scholarship award idea he had, an award that would honor the memory of the late Monty Chilcote.

"Nick's idea became a reality, and this entire 'brain trust,' although fueled by many, really started with Nick Napier. Nick followed his suggestion with a presentation to the board. Nick was really the initial brain trust behind it all," Arme said.

for Congressman Duncan Hunter.

Christopher Concannon's after-school activities include hundreds of hours of church service, volunteer work at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, in Escondido, and helping out as an after-school tutor. Christopher will begin his college career this month at the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University.

\$2,000 RECIPIENT

Scholarship Committee Member Tom Shaddox, of Hazard Construction Co.,

presented EGCA's \$2,000 scholarship to Broc Wilde. Broc, who works for EGCA member firm Erreca's Inc., graduated with honors from Valhalla High School in 2002, carrying an unweighted 3.76 GPA.

Tom Shaddox said, "The career goals Broc listed caught the attention of the scholarship committee right away. He wants to learn construction from the bottom up to gain the ability to manage large scale civil projects."

June was a happy, memorable, and busy month for Broc, the son of Jane and

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Monty Wilde (Monty is Secretary/Contracting Manager with fellow EGCA member Hanson SJH Construction). In addition to the scholarship award presentation on June 8, he and his fiancée, Joanna Pitt, were married later that month. Broc has been accepted at San Diego State University and will be part of its Business Management/Construction Engineering Program. Broc's parents and fiancée were all on hand to share the happy moment.

and Bill Connelly.

James is with EGCA Contractor Member W.R. Connelly, Inc., of Spring Valley, a firm founded by his grandfather, Bill, in 1971. EGCA's \$10,000 scholarship awardee, who seeks a career in civil engineering, graduated from Valhalla High School with a 3.24 GPA and has countless hours of community service.

This fall, James will attend Lewis & Clark College in Oregon. A high school athlete in football and basketball, he will be playing college football at Lewis & Clark. Nick Napier said, "His stated goal is to return home after he receives his college degree and continue the third generation of W.R. Connelly Construction."

\$10,000 RECIPIENT

It was Scholarship Committee member Nick Napier's turn to present EGCA's \$10,000 Scholarship for 2005 to "a third generation contractor," as Nick introduced him. The young man is James Connelly, the son of Joanne and Gus Connelly, and the grandson of Farice

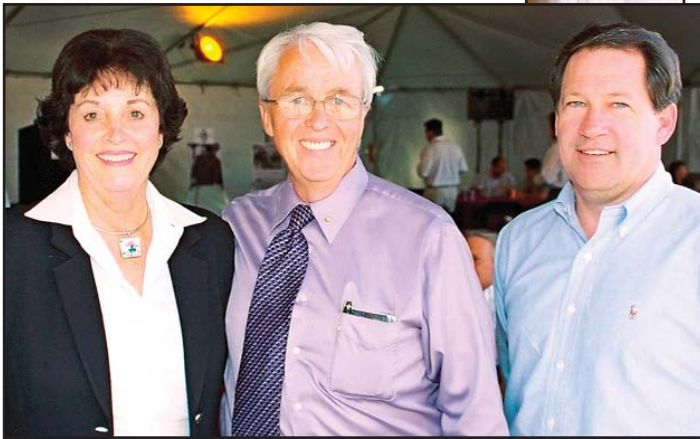
CATCHING UP

Last year's EGCA \$10,000 Scholarship recipient,



Clockwise from top left: Scholarship Committee member Tom Shaddox; Gene Brokaw, of Premier Pipeline Construction, and friends; and host Red Mountain Machinery's Scott Johnson, who welcomed everyone to the scholarship event. Below: EGCA Executive Director Debbie Day, EGCA Magazine publisher Tom Hogarty and Driver Alliant's Jim Sommerville.

Photos by Paul Nestor



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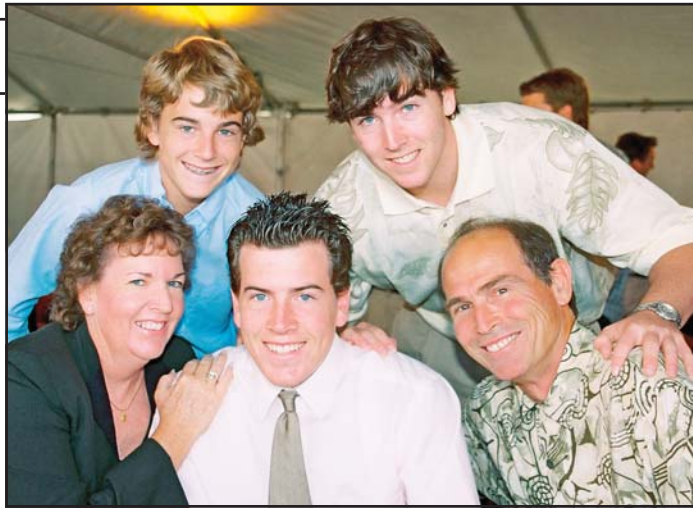
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Leslie Sjobom, was up to her neck in final exams and was unable to attend the second annual program. Leslie is completing her first year at UCSD on her way toward a degree in mechanical engineering. She did, however, take the time to write a gracious note, congratulating this year's winners and once again expressing thanks to EGCA for her scholarship.

The evening concluded with more words of congratulation and more family photo ops. It is fitting to conclude this article with the words found in the EGCA Reporter, written in advance of this very special event.

"We need to support our youth in their pursuit of higher education and specifically encourage those individuals interested in a career in the construction industry."

Congratulations to all of the 2005 EGCA Scholarship Award winners!



Proud parents Joanne and Gus Connelly with \$10,000 scholarship awardee James Connelly (front, center) and brothers Justin and Chris.

Photos by Paul Nestor



Top photo: Scholarship awardee Broc Wilde with his fiancée Joanna Pitt, and proud parents Jane and Monty Wilde.

Lower photo (above): EGCA Scholarship Committee's Rodger Fosbinder with scholarship winner Rebecca Taylor and proud parents Ruth and Steve Turner.



Above: the Red Mountain Machinery Team, hosts for the evening;

Right: EGCA President Mike Arme thanks Scholarship Committee member Nick Napier for being the catalyst for the scholarship awards program.

