University of Minnesota Duluth Student Grant Magnuson Wins $500 prize from PCI Foundation

CHICAGO, September 5, 2019 --- Grant Magnuson, a senior at University of Minnesota at Duluth (UMD) won a $500 prize in an annual drawing of students who take part in the PCI student survey about student experiences in PCI Foundation sponsored programs. Magnuson is part of a group at the UMD who is taking classes that will give him a notation on his transcript for his precast expertise. The program coordinated by professor Ben Dymond will begin its third year this fall. It is sponsored by a grant from the PCI Foundation working in coordination with local partners, Molin Precast and PCI Midwest.

“I didn't know much about the precast business at all before taking reinforced concrete design and the business class,” says Magnuson.

Next semester I am excited to take Prestressed Concrete and to have my senior design project incorporate precast design. It will benefit me for my future in structural engineering.”

Magnuson (pictured at left) noted that he found many parts of his experience to date valuable because the program has offered him opportunities for travel experiences and hands-on learning.

“So far this has been a great experience overall, from going to the annual PCI convention in Louisville to touring the Molin Precast facilities to having a teaching aide in our lab to look at and be able to understand different precast members and how their connections work,” he says.

“It has made my college experience much better by discovering new ways to design and by having a trip that I looked forward to going on and where I had a great experience!”

Magnuson, who attended Chanhassen High School, says he will use the prize money on books and supplies for his studies at UMD.

ABOUT THE PCI FOUNDATION - Since 2001, the PCI Foundation has been the educational entity that supports the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Industry. The mission of the PCI Foundation is to foster educational and research initiatives focused on innovative approaches to the integrated and sustainable use of precast concrete design, fabrication, and construction. It is a charitable 501(c) 3 corporation, based in Chicago, which supports the inclusion of precast concrete programs at accredited colleges and universities. To learn more, visit the PCI Foundation website at www.PCI-Foundation.org.

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