Maine Drilling & Blasting Still Emphasizing Local Growth One-Half Century Later

GARDINER, ME — Maine Drilling & Blasting celebrates the importance of local service to its success over the past half-century by establishing named scholarships at local universities and technical colleges throughout its service area.

For Maine Drilling & Blasting, it all started with service. Hard work, honesty and quality service were the principles upon which Ted Purinton, Sr. and his wife, Judy, founded the company in Gardiner, Maine, in 1966. Throughout the years, the company expanded its footprint from Maine to New England, then on through the Northeast, and now throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. During this growth, MD&B’s founding principles remained constant, as did MD&B’s deliberate focus on local service.

“We’ve always worked to grow regional markets with local people,” said Company President & CEO, Bill Purinton. “That means local employees and resources for supply and distribution. We’ve made it a point to commit to a local presence wherever we go. That’s how we started; that’s how we operate today.”

“Our success depends on employing and training the best people in the drilling and blasting industry, in order to continue MD&B’s high performance culture,” said Ted Purinton, Jr., Executive Vice President. “That means investing in the education and futures of local, young men and women, all around us. While we have numerous in-house training programs to help our employees develop and hone their skills, assisting students enrolled in construction management or civil engineering technology programs is a great leg up for them.”

- The family business has grown to more than 350 employees, and in 2004 began a progression of employee ownership.

William Purinton, II, earned a bachelor’s degree in construction management technology from the University of Maine in 2011, and has become the third-generation Purinton engaged in the business, recently promoted to Eastern Division Manager.

“We want to help grow the next generation, any generation and those coming after us. Being local means connecting on a local level to make a difference,” said Purinton, II. “And, these scholarships will, hopefully, make a difference in some local lives. It’s a fresh twist on support to go along with our usual corporate contributions to local causes and events.”

In honor of MD&B’s 50th Anniversary, the Company has established recurring scholarships at five educational institutions, which include the University of Maine, Central Connecticut State University, the Pennsylvania College of Technology, University of Massachusetts – Lowell, and Vermont Technical College. $1,000 will be awarded per year for five years at each institution to provide financial assistance to students who are enrolled full-time and majoring in civil engineering technology or construction management. The scholarships have academic and need-based criteria. First quarter of the $25,000 total will generally be made in the fall of 2016. However, the institutions will rotate the scholarships in the spring of 2016, coinciding with Maine Drilling & Blasting’s start-up in March 50 years ago.

Harriman Congratulates LaPierre and Wise on Professional Accomplishments

BOSTON, MA — Harriman and The Cecil Group announce that two staff members have earned professional certification and accreditation. Jeffrey LaPierre, P.E., LEED AP, HDR, CEM, receives The Certified Energy Manager (CEM) credential from the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE) and Kathrin (Katie) Wise, AIA, E.I, LEED Green Associate, passes the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) and is now a Registered Architect.

“Our people are our greatest asset and we encourage all of our employees to continue their professional education and development,” said Clifton Greim, P.E., President of Harriman. “Jeff and Katie’s pursuit of additional professional certification and accreditation is a sign of their dedication to their profession and, by extension, their clients. We congratulate them both on this professional achievement.”

LaPierre has 22 years of experience as a Mechanical Engineer and has designed heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems for a variety of institutions, including colleges and universities, K-12 schools and laboratory facilities. LaPierre received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine. In addition to CEM, he holds certification as a Healthcare Facility Design Professional and is a LEED Accredited Professional. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, and is a past president and current treasurer of the Maine Chapter.

Wise earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Maine and is a Master of Architecture from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Shawmut Design and Construction Welcomes Two Lives Sciences and Healthcare Project Executives

BOSTON, MA — Shawmut Design and Construction announces the addition of two executive leaders to the Lives Sciences and Healthcare division. Shawn Donovan and Christopher Jenkins will oversee operations for major clients throughout the region.

“Shawmut, we value the vast knowledge and skills that are acquired through years of hands-on experience,” said David Surette, Director of Life Sciences and Healthcare at Shawmut. “Shawn and Christopher have nearly seven decades of combined industry experience, which will be integral to exceeding our clients’ expectations.”

Since joining Shawmut, Donovan has worked on projects at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. With more than 37 years of construction experience, Donovan’s past projects have included Boston Medical Center, Maine Medical Center, and Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Donovan received his Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has received OSHA 10-hour certification.

With more than 30 years of construction experience including managing and supervising, Jenkins has worked on a variety of projects, from fast-track fit-outs to specialty construction on Biotechnology and medical spaces. His past clients include MIT, Harvard Medical School, Novartis, and Raytheon. Jenkins has his construction supervisor license from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is OSHA certified; he has also undergone bioburden safety training.

As a leading contractor of institutional and commercial projects throughout the New England region, the addition of these two executives will help Shawmut continue to expand in the growing life sciences and healthcare segment. Shawmut is currently working on projects at Bostom Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Columbia University Medical Center, Biogen Inc., Eli Lilly, and Harvard Medical School.