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Maine Drilling & Blasting is celebrating the importance of local service to its own success over the past half-century by establishing named scholarships at local universities and technical colleges throughout its service area.

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 both academic and need-based criteria.

For Maine Drilling & Blasting, it all started with service. Hard work, honesty, and quality service were the simple yet sacred principles upon which Ted Purington, Sr. and his wife, Judy, founded the company in Gardiner, ME, back in 1966. Throughout the years that followed, the Company expanded its footprint from Maine to New England, then on through the Northeast, and now through 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,” explains company President & CEO, Bill Purington. “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.”

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