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**FPCA is Proud to Award Max Alexander Dzugan, III the  
Education Foundation Scholarship**

*Penn State Civil Engineering Major & Florida Resident Among First Award Recipients*

**April 5, 2022, Orlando, Fla.** - The Florida Prestressed Concrete Association (FPCA) is proud to announce Max Dzugan as one of the first recipients of the FPCA Education Foundation Scholarship.

The FPCA Education Foundation is sponsoring scholarships for deserving students pursuing careers related to the precast, prestressed concrete industry, including professional positions in manufacturing facilities, architectural firms, the specifying community, structural engineering firms and the construction industry.

The scholarship is for students starting a 2-year Program, Certificate Programs, or entering the third academic year or higher at a qualifying college or university who are interested in careers related to the *precast, prestressed concrete industry*.

Currently a Florida resident and senior at Penn State, Dzugan expects to receive his Bachelor of Engineering degree in the spring of 2022. Obsessed with LEGOS as a child, and witnessing the aging infrastructure in our country, he naturally found his passion for the civil engineering field.

Perpetually eager to learn with a great interest in construction materials, throughout his collegiate career Dzugan excelled in communication and leadership skills. "I see his great potential of becoming a leader in the civil engineering profession," says Ming Xiao, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, Professor of Civil Engineering and Director, Civil Infrastructure Testing and Evaluation Laboratory (CITEL) at Penn State.

Recently, Dzugan's participated in a summer internship with Finrock which afforded him many opportunities to witness first-hand the ins and outs of constructing successful precast, prestressed products. "The amount of hard work, thought, and collaboration to make one single piece – let alone an entire building – successfully is truly incredible and I cannot wait to gain more experience in this industry," Dzugan exclaims.

"The hands-on experience as an intern working with multiple crews among the manufacturing team provided great insight into building design and taught me more about analysis, standards, safety, and best-practices," continues Dzugan.

Dzugan is most interested in the precast, prestressed concrete industry because of its economic advantages including efficiency, durability and the ever-growing benefits of these structures around the world.

In addition to his studies, Dzugan has invested in the engineering community as a member of Penn States American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter, a member of Penn State Concrete Canoe 2021-2022 team, participant in Engineers in Action, as well as being a mentee in the Penn State Engineering Mentor Program.

In his free time, he enjoys exercising, cooking, reading, watching movies, and playing catch with friends.

Dzugan aspires to one day attain his Professional Engineering (P.E.) license, be a leader in his industry, and raise a healthy and beautiful family.

The Florida Prestressed Concrete Association (FPCA) was founded in 1957 by a small group of construction leaders and visionaries when the Precast/Prestressed industry in the United States was less than a decade old. The FPCA was the first of its kind precast concrete association in the nation and it is from this group that the national association, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) was created. The FPCA is a not-for-profit Florida corporation. The FPCA's goal then, in 1957 is the same as now, which is to provide the construction industry in Florida a superior building system that is durable, attractive, and economical.

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