

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Friends, Family and Guests

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Association of Electrical Contractors Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner.

For 46 years the AEC Electrical Scholarship and Educational Fund Corporation has provided assistance and financial support to IBEW Local Union #3 Apprentices and New York City High School graduates entering college. These young people are embarking on studies that are focused on careers that will lead them to the electrical industry. In 1972, AEC contractors began funding scholarships to maintain the Association's mission of serving our industry with educated labor in their organizations and projects.

I have spoken in many different venues of my respect for our workforce. It is the knowledge of all aspects of our trade that gives us the competitive edge. Educated electricians are why our industry is so strong. Our Union has long been the benchmark for other unions, because of the outstanding training the union and contractors provide to our apprentices and the superb educational programs that we offer to our journeymen.

As an advocate of education and an even bigger proponent for our industry, it gives me great pleasure to host this evening's festivities. I congratulate Alexander Samilenko, President of Fred Geller Electrical, Inc. a long-time Board Member of the AEC. I would also like to congratulate The Gold Family, Jonathan, Matthew and Timothy of Midtown Electric Supply with who so many of us have long relationships with. Their commitment to our projects help make us all be better contractors.

I thank the Scholarship Committee for their enormous efforts in identifying the most qualified recipients. It is no small undertaking to administer the AEC Scholarship and Educational Fund.

Thanks to everyone for their fundraising efforts this year. Another nod must be given to the tireless efforts of the AEC staff - Richard Wishnie, Debbie Eschoe and Julian Bailey. Their commitment and level of quality in supporting and organizing all the scholarship related events bode well for us as an organization and I am so proud to work with each of you.

Lastly to the recipients – know that education and hard work hold the keys to everything you wish for. The financial support we are providing you is based on our belief that your future is bright. Through hard work, you will succeed. Together we look forward to the future. Good luck and congratulations!

Carol Kleinberg
President of AEC

