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CFSEI ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF 2026 CFSEI EXPO STIPEND PROGRAM

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) announced today the winners of the 2026 CFSEI Expo Stipend, from both the United States and Canada.

The CFSEI Stipend Program supports young engineers and university instructors in civil and structural engineering, providing \$1,200 per recipient to help cover travel and lodging expenses associated with attending the Expo. Expo registration is also fully covered.

This year's program attracted more than 35 applicants from across North America, South America, Europe and Africa.

The winners are:

- Aaron Boucher, Modulus Designs
- Zachary Johnson, Devco Engineering
- Michael Keegan, Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Elizabeth Viox, McClure Engineering Co.
- Jiachen Zhang, University of California, San Diego
- Lia Zhu, MTE Consultants

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“CFSEI developed this program to inspire young engineers to explore careers in the cold-formed steel industry,” said Jeffrey Klaiman, P.E., CFSEI managing director. “As the program grows, we are actively seeking ways to broaden its reach and give more emerging professionals the chance to connect with industry experts at the Expo and ultimately become part of our industry.”

Josh Garton, P.E., S.E., Technical Manager at McClure, and Chair of CFSEI Stipend Program Task Group, said: “This year’s program drew a diverse and highly competitive group of candidates, with applications nearly tripling from previous years – underscoring its growing global reach.”

Winners will have the opportunity to network with CFSEI Executive Committee members, attend the Young Member Group (YMG) mixer on Monday, May 18, and enjoy a breakfast hosted in their honor at the Expo on Tuesday, May 19. More information about the Expo is available online at www.cfsei.org.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) comprises hundreds of structural engineers and other design professionals who are finding a better way to produce safe and efficient designs for commercial and residential structures with cold-formed steel. CFSEI members work together to develop and evolve industry standards and design methods, produce, and issue technical bulletins, and provide seminars and online training to improve the knowledge and skills base of engineers and design professionals. For more information, visit <https://www.cfsei.org> and <https://buildsteel.org/>.

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