

# Maine Drilling & Blasting still emphasizing local growth one-half century later

GARDINER, ME — Maine Drilling & Blasting celebrates 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.

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, Maine Drilling & Blasting's founding principles remained constant, as did Maine Drilling & Blasting's deliberate focus on local service. "We've always worked to grow regional markets with local people," explains Company President and 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."

"Our success depends on employing and training the best people in the drilling and blasting industry, in order to continue Maine Drilling & Blasting's high performance culture," echoes, Ted Purington, Jr., executive vice president. "That means investing in the educations 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 crafts, assisting students enrolled in construction management or civil engineering technology programs is a great leg up for them."

Maine Drilling & Blasting is a leading provider of drilling, rock blasting and related specialty services in the Northeastern United States, and is one of the largest in the country. The family business has grown to more than 350 employees, and in 2004 began a progression of employee ownership. William Purington, II, earned a bachelor's degree in Construction Management Technology from the University of Maine in 2011, and has

become the third generation Purington engaged in the business, recently promoted to Eastern Division Manager. "We want to help grow the next generation, my generation and those coming after me. Being local means connecting on a local level to make a difference. 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," said Will.

In honor of Maine Drilling & Blasting's 50th Anniversary, the company has established recurring scholarships at five educational institutions, which include the University of Maine, Central Connecticut State Uni-

versity, 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. First awards of the committed \$25,000 total will generally be made in the fall of 2016. However, the institutions will promote the scholarships in the spring of 2016, coinciding with Maine Drilling & Blasting's startup in March 50 years ago.

## CalcIMA presents Safety Excellence awards

Sacramento — The California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalcIMA) announces the recipients of its 2015 Safety Awards — the Excellence in Safety and Outstanding Safety Leadership awards.

"These awards honor mines, plants and individuals for excellence and outstanding achievement in safety innovations, culture and leadership," said Gary Hambly, president and CEO of CalcIMA.

"The awards look beyond the numbers and more deeply at what mines, plants and individuals are doing to improve safety, seek out innovations, take leadership, and have a broader impact on their company, industry and colleagues' lives," said Hambly.

The Excellence in Safety awards are for mines and plants. Categories include cement, ready mixed concrete, industrial mineral and aggregate (large and small operations). The winners by category are:

- Small Aggregate Mine — Lehigh Hanson's Oakland Tidewater Mine;
- Large Aggregate Mine — Graniterock's A.R. Wilson Quarry;

- Industrial Mineral Mine — L'Hoist No. America's Natividad Mine;

- Cement Mine & Plant — Lehigh SW Cement's Tehachapi Plant; and

- Ready Mixed Concrete Plant — Lehigh Hanson's San Luis Obispo Plant

The Outstanding Safety Achievement Award is for individuals at mines and plants. The winners are:

- Brad Riechers — plant operator and loader operator — Graniterock's Southside Sand & Gravel;
- Gerardo Valencia — Safety Coordinator — L'hoist No. America's Na-

tividad Plant


The award applications are reviewed and winners selected by a judging panel from CalcIMA's Safety and Health Committee.

The awards were presented by Paul Belanger, assistant western district manager for the Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA), at the 2015 CalcIMA Education Conference.

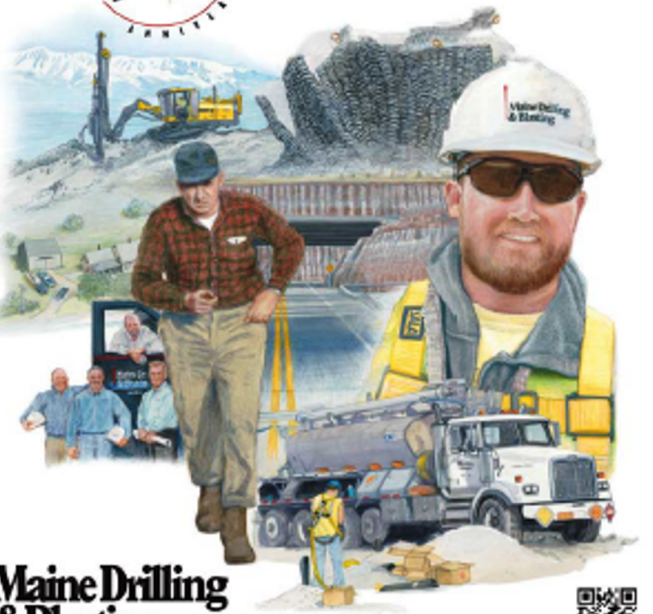
CalcIMA is a trade association for aggregate, ready mixed concrete and industrial mineral producers in California.



MSHA's Paul Belanger presents a 2015 Excellence in Safety Award to Christine Granquist, EHS manager for L'hoist North America's limestone/dolomite mine in Salinas, CA.




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