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**North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) establishes first-ever scholarship program to support new Construction Management program at Rowan University**

A new scholarship program created by North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) will provide support for individuals enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Construction Management program offered through Rowan's Division of Global Learning & Partnerships.

Designed to benefit students seeking a flexible curriculum that will help them advance careers in the construction field, the B.A. in Construction Management program prepares individuals to supervise, manage and inspect construction sites, buildings and related facilities.

OnlineU.org, which evaluates colleges and universities for quality and affordability, recently recognized Rowan University as a "best value" for the program, ranking it 9th out of 21 college and university programs surveyed.

NABTU, recognized as a powerful voice in the educational advancement of trade professionals, partnered with Rowan University to create the degree program in January 2016. The scholarships will expand access to the program for Building Trades members.

"Rowan University's Construction Management Bachelor's Degree program provides a great opportunity for our members to build their knowledge base, obtain their degrees and advance their careers," said Sean McGarvey, President at North America's Building Trades Unions. "Our new Governing Board of Presidents' Scholarship Program will make this great opportunity more affordable."

Rowan University's vehicle to reach out and serve the needs of college students, working adults, lifelong learners and the business community, Rowan Global emphasizes making quality education accessible, convenient and affordable by using delivery modes that address the vast range of adult student needs and preferences.

"A big part of our mission is to offer degree programs that are affordable and in line with market needs and student preferences," said Dr. Horacio Sosa, vice president for Global Learning & Partnerships. "The Bachelor of Arts in Construction Management Online is a prime example."

The B.A. in Construction Management consists of 120 credits and students admitted to the program must possess either an associate's degree or other earned college credits with at least five years of relevant working experience in the building construction industry, including the completion of a skilled craft registered apprenticeship program.

Known as the North America's Building Trades Unions Governing Board of Presidents' Scholarship Program, funds will support one-time scholarships of \$3,600 per student to a maximum of 14 first-year students enrolled full time. Recipients must be active members, or staff members in good standing with a Building Trades Union affiliated with North America's Building Trades Union. One recipient will be selected per affiliated Union and must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to continue funding for a maximum of three semesters.

Scholarship support perpetuates Rowan's mission of providing top students, regardless of financial means, the opportunity to join its community of scholars. The endorsement from NABTU will make a lasting impact on the lives of students enrolled in Rowan's Construction Management program.

#### **About North America's Building Trades Unions**

North America's Building Trades Unions is an alliance of 14 national and international unions in the building and construction industry that collectively represent over 3 million skilled craft professionals in the United States and Canada. Each year, its unions and signatory contractor partners invest over \$1.3 billion in private sector money to fund and operate over 1,900 apprenticeship training and education facilities across North America that produce the safest, most highly trained and productive skilled craft workers found anywhere in the world.

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