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**2021 Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation Engineering Scholarship  
Awarded to Adair Garrett – Georgia Institute of Technology Civil Engineering Graduate Student**

FORT WASHINGTON, PA, May 26, 2021 – McMahon Associates, Inc., a transportation engineering and planning firm, is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2021 Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation Engineering Scholarship is Adair Garrett, a May 2021 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. She will continue to pursue her Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a transportation engineering concentration over the next two years. This scholarship award is competitively selected through the Berks County Community Foundation.

The Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation Engineering Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide financial assistance for college students who have demonstrated a commitment to transportation engineering as a career pursuit, along with “giving back” and providing leadership for programs dedicated to helping individuals and communities served by the engineering industry. Adair has fully demonstrated, both academically and through volunteerism, the caliber of candidate ideal for this scholarship.

Throughout her undergraduate studies, Adair has maintained a 4.0 GPA while being a Fellowship Manager for the Georgia Institute of Technology Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain (SLS) program to promote sustainability initiatives. She was also an undergraduate research assistant on smart and sustainable cities that was presented at a showcase of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and gained real-world experience as a transportation planning and traffic operations intern. Adair is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and Women in Engineering.

Adair’s impressive community involvement has led her to develop and co-lead the Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) Greater Atlanta Mentorship Program which connects students across the Greater Atlanta area with a variety of industry, non-profit and academic backgrounds. She was also the Philanthropy Chair for the Georgia Tech Chi Epsilon Chapter organizing chapter events. Adair was the Campus Director of the United Nations Millennium Campus Network (MCN) Fellowship, and acted as Georgia Tech’s liaison to worldwide campuses to encourage international networking and sustainability programs. Additional sustainability advocacy by Adair has included planting events for Trees Atlanta, an urban farming volunteer program in Portugal, and helping in-need students get fresh produce via Plantlanta.

“I have always wanted a career where I could help people, and I picked transportation engineering because it determines the infrastructure of communities,” said Adair Garrett, Georgia Institute of Technology Transportation Engineering Masters student. “Well-structured communities are able to grow and re-invest in themselves, and I hope to contribute to keeping them healthy and safe. Pursuing an advanced degree in transportation engineering will provide me with the key to building the future of transportation in Atlanta. I appreciate the confidence that McMahon Associates, Inc and their founders, Joseph and Peggy McMahon, have shown in my abilities, and my future in this industry, through my selection for this important scholarship.”

“Every year we are newly impressed with the quality of the candidates that submit for our scholarship,” said Joseph McMahon, P.E., Founder of McMahon. “It was very clear to us, when we reviewed Adair’s application, that she had the drive to be successful in transportation engineering, and the heart to incorporate the

importance of giving back to the communities that engineers serve. As transportation engineers, we are in a very unique position to create improvements that make an impact on the safety and well-being of the traveling public every day, whether walking, biking, riding or driving. It's an important responsibility and we look forward to seeing Adair achieve success in her academic career and in our industry."

The Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation Engineering scholarship was created by the Board of Directors of McMahon Associates in tribute to the firm's founder Joseph McMahon, and his wife, Peggy McMahon. The couple established McMahon in 1976 with a "Pay It Forward" dedication at its core, and this scholarship fund preserves their legacy and promotes that commitment into the future to support new engineering generations. The fund, established through the Berks County Community Foundation, provides scholarships to college students who have declared, and have been accepted into, the major of civil engineering with a focus on transportation engineering. For more information, interested and qualified students should go to <https://bccf.org/scholarships/joseph-peggy-mcmahon-transportation-engineering-scholarship-fund>

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