

# Thornton Tomasetti

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## Thornton Tomasetti Announces 2018 Lee Petrella and Daniel A. Cuoco Scholarship Winners

(New York, N.Y. – November 5, 2018) – Thornton Tomasetti has awarded two college students – Abraham ‘Avi’ Rubel and Xinbin Xu – with scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year.

### Lee Petrella Memorial Scholarship and Summer Internship

Abraham ‘Avi’ Rubel is the recipient of the 2018 Lee Petrella Memorial Scholarship and Summer Internship. The award provides a \$5,000 scholarship and a paid internship to a civil engineering student at the City College of New York’s Grove School of Engineering.



Established in memory of Thornton Tomasetti Vice President Lee Petrella, the scholarship and internship provide financial assistance and professional experience to a civil engineering student who is focusing on structures at CCNY, Petrella’s alma mater. During his more than 30 years with Thornton Tomasetti, Petrella was a leader in the firm’s Structural Engineering practice and was involved in many of its signature projects, including Shanghai Tower in China, New York’s World Financial Center and Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan.

Avi is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering with a specialization in structures. He interned with Thornton Tomasetti’s Structural

Engineering practice in the New York, Madison Avenue office this past summer.

### Executive Quote

Thomas Scarangelo, P.E., Chairman and CEO, Thornton Tomasetti

*“The competition is fierce for the Lee Petrella Memorial Scholarship and stands as a testament to Lee’s dedication as a mentor and brilliant engineer. Our structural engineering team thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with Avi throughout his summer internship in our New York office and we look forward to his continued academic success. We know we will be hearing more about his noteworthy accomplishments throughout the course of his career.”*

## Daniel A. Cuoco Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Xinbin Xu was awarded the 2018 Daniel A. Cuoco Endowed Memorial Scholarship, which provides \$5,000 annually to a structural engineering student at City College of New York's Grove School of Engineering in Manhattan.



This scholarship fund was established in 2015 by Thornton Tomasetti in memory of former President and CEO Daniel Cuoco whose career with the firm spanned 40 years. He was an active participant in the company's growth from a 15-person, single-office firm to one that now employs more than 1,500 people in offices around the globe. Cuoco, a CCNY graduate, helped establish Thornton Tomasetti as a world leader in structural design and forensics and was an early adopter of emerging technologies, such as building information modeling. In addition to serving as a role

model, he was an active mentor to young engineers.

Xinbin is currently studying civil engineering at CCNY. He is on track to receive a bachelor's degree in June 2019.

### Executive Quote

Thomas Scarangelo, P.E., Chairman and CEO, Thornton Tomasetti

*"As we at Thornton Tomasetti continue to celebrate the life of Daniel Cuoco, we are proud to provide top engineering students like Xinbin with a scholarship in Daniel's memory that will help them achieve their goals and move forward in their career."*

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