

**CEE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NCE SALUTE TO  
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS:**

**KEVIN ALVERNAZ & MATEUSZ TCHORZ**



*Kevin Alvernaz*, of Newark and *Mateusz Tchorz*, of Wallington, members of the NJIT student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), are the recipients of the 2015 Saul K. Fenster Innovation in Design Award. The award recognizes their influential role as captains of the 2015 NJIT/ASCE Steel Bridge Competition Team.

The ASCE steel bridge competition is a contest that tests the knowledge, practical skills, and teamwork of engineering students. As this year's captains, Kevin and Mateusz are leading a ten member NJIT team designing and fabricating their bridge contest entry according to specifications outlined in the competition rule book. The team will build the bridge during the competition, but for several nights each week leading up to it, they will practice assembling it as flawlessly and speedily as possible. "If we win regionals in April, we will move forward to nationals at the end of May in Kansas City," notes Mateusz. The NJIT steel bridge team is advised by CEE professor John Schuring and Heidi Young, one of the department coordinators, and has won the regional competition for the past nine years.