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GANA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS

(TOPEKA) – The GANA Educational Foundation has awarded its first scholarships under the Building Envelope Contractors (BEC) Division Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund was first created in 2002 and over the past five years it has been funded through donations via the annual silent auction along with BEC Conference attendee contributions. The Scholarship Committee determined an initial five scholarships would be given out in the 2007-2008 school year, in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Eligibility requirements of the scholarship included:

- Any undergraduate freshman, sophomore, junior or first-year senior in the fields of Construction Management, Structural Engineering, Architecture, Architectural Engineering, or Construction Management.
- Awarded to a student attending an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

“We at GANA firmly believe that while the glass and glazing industry continually develops new products to meet future demands, it is imperative that we – and our industry – support the education of individuals that have direct impact on the proper and wide use of those products,” said Stanley L. Smith, GANA Executive Vice President. “We congratulate the scholarship winners, and are proud to provide financial assistance toward their educational endeavors. Our hope is that each of the scholarship award winners moves forward toward a successful career in the architectural industry, and, in turn, apply their acquired knowledge of our industry throughout their professional careers.”

In addition, all scholarship applicants were required to submit an essay stating why they were deserving of the scholarship, relate how the student’s education/experience could or will benefit the glass and fenestration industry and how the glass and fenestration industry could benefit the student.

The GANA Educational Foundation received 65 applications for the scholarship. After careful consideration and weighing each application based on grade point average, previous experience in the glass and fenestration industry, completeness of the essay, ability to communicate how they would benefit the glass and fenestration industry, how the glass and fenestration industry would benefit from them and financial need, the Committee is pleased to present the following five scholarship winners.

Erin Barnett is a Senior at the University of Florida, working to obtain her Bachelor of Design degree with a major in architecture. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.6 and is

expected to graduate in May 2008. In her essay, Barnett stated, "In a new era of 'green' design standards, glass is not only possible, but in many instances, ideal for cutting electricity by natural day lighting and in integrating the building into the site."

"I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship from the GANA Educational Foundation, which will assist me during the final year of my architecture degree. This is a huge help financially as well as a motivation for me to persist in achieving my goals as a college student, and is an encouragement in my future career as an architect," said Barnett.

Kenwyn Diego Harrilal is a Sophomore at the University of Florida, majoring in Building Construction. With a GPA of 4.0, he is expected to graduate in May 2010. In his essay, Harrilal said, "I learned all different aspects from the making of glass, building of windows and doors, ripping out and installing windows, and final finishing work such as caulking and metal work. I hope that I will be able to return to the window installation field at a higher management level."

"Thanks to the Glass Association of North America Education Foundation Scholarship, I will be able to continue my education at the University of Florida. Majoring in Building Construction, I hope to leave a lasting impact on the construction community through my studies. Thank you for this opportunity," stated Harrilal.

Sarah E. Hooge is studying architecture at North Dakota State University. As a Junior with a 3.35 GPA, she is expected to graduate in May 2009. In her essay, Hooge stated, "... the possibilities with fenestrations are endless. In my projects I have used interior and exterior aluminum mullions, spider glass, tensile cable constructions and even glass mullions."

"My duty, as an architecture student and professional, is to bring the public the highest quality and performance, technology can provide. The GANA Educational Foundation and its scholarship will help me do that," said Hooge.

Matthew B. Lunde is a Junior at North Dakota State University, majoring in architecture. With a GPA of 3.81 he is expected to graduate in May 2010. In his essay, Lunde said, "Learning about new sustainable design strategies, structures, glass assemblies, etc. each day is very fulfilling."

"I would like to thank the GANA Educational Foundation for supporting my college education with this scholarship. With two majors, Architecture and Business, I will be able to use this scholarship to help pay for tuition and buy supplies," stated Lunde.

Kyle Quigley is studying construction management at Missouri State University. As a first-year Senior with a 3.97 GPA he is expected to graduate in December 2007. In his essay, Quigley stated, "My particular interests are in commercial construction. As times change, many buildings are being constructed from glass curtain wall systems. With my

interest in the industry, I believe I could ensure this trend continued by promoting the concept to owners and architect.”

“The scholarship from the Glass Association of North America has helped significantly reduce my financial burden associated with my education. It has allowed me to focus more of my time toward studies and less time on financial needs,” said Quigley.

The GANA Educational Foundation is already planning its scholarship program for the 2008-2009 school year. Scholarship applications will be available by January 2008 and the return deadline will be April 1, 2008. All interested applicants may visit www.ganafoundation.org for additional information.

“Putting the initial set of scholarship requirements together was both a challenge and an opportunity for our Scholarship Committee, said Bill Sullivan, BEC Scholarship Chair, Heartland Glass Company. “We worked hard to balance the desires of the industry and best interests of our applicants. I look forward to watching the Scholarship Fund grow so that each year we may continue the financial support we provide to the construction/architectural student community while increasing awareness about the opportunities that exist in the fenestration industry.”

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