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Awards and Recognition Industry Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients Named

Glenview, IL (March 21, 2011) - The Awards and Recognition Industry Educational Foundation (ARIEF) recently named the recipients of this year's ARIEF Scholarships at the 2011 ARA International Awards Market, February 22-26, in Las Vegas. ARIEF is a not-for-profit organization which exists solely to provide financial assistance to students affiliated with member companies of the Awards and Recognition Association (ARA), who wish to pursue an education in any field of their choice. This one-time merit award is applied directly toward tuition expenses.

ARIEF was established through the generous donations of the five Cornerstone donors - **General Awards of NY** (Florida, NY)/**ELK Promotions** (Worthington, OH); **JDS Industries Inc** (Sioux Falls, SD); **Plastic -Dress Up** (South El Monte, CA); **RS Owens & Company** (Chicago, IL); and **Tower Ribbon** (Goshen, IN). It awards educational scholarships to ARA member company employees or their children.

The 2011 ARIEF Scholarship recipients are:

Cornerstone Scholarships

- **The Estelle Funk Plastic Dress- Up Scholarship**
Monika Sadarangani, Shewak's Engravables, Dallas, TX
- **Calvin Miller, Tower Ribbon Scholarship**
Clayton Jackson, Jackson Marking System, Mt. Vernon, IL
- **Owen R. Siegel, RS Owens Scholarship**
Connor Kane, Cutting Edge Engraving, Raleigh, NC
- **George J. Wass, General Awards/ELK Promotions Scholarship**
Caleb Weidman, Highest Honor, Troy, MI
- **JDS Industries Scholarship**
Rebecca Wynn, Northwest Engraving, Lewiston, ID

Chairman Scholarship

- **Peter V. Ilaria Memorial Scholarship**
Cody Rosenbalm, C&C Trophy, Gilmer, TX

Presidential Scholarship

- **Award Associates Scholarship**
Cory Bowers, Ghent Manufacturing, Lebanon, OH

“This year’s recipients were selected from a talented pool of applicants,” said ARIEF President Mike May, JDS Industries. “We had a difficult time making the selection, but we’re proud of the seven individuals and wish them the best of luck in their educational endeavors. On behalf of ARIEF, it’s rewarding to know we (ARIEF) have a hand in helping them achieve their goals.”

Scholarship recipients are selected by the ARIEF Trustees based on application materials; the winners are honored each year at the ARA International Awards Market in Las Vegas. For more information about ARIEF visit www.ara.org/foundation.

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The Awards and Recognition Industry Educational Foundation (ARIEF) was established in 2002 as a way to give back to the awards and recognition industry. The sole purpose of the foundation is to provide financial assistance to students affiliated with ARA member companies who wish to pursue an education in any field of their choice. For more information about ARIEF, visit www.ara.org/foundation.