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2007 FeMET AND STEEL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Pittsburgh, PA – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and the Association for Iron & Steel Technology Foundation's "Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today," [FeMET] and "Steel Engineering Education Link", [STEEL], initiatives, which are aimed at attracting top talent to the North American steel industry, have awarded scholarships for 2007. Ten students from seven U.S. and Canadian universities have been awarded FeMET scholarships [focusing on metallurgy and materials science] and similarly twelve from nine U.S. and Canadian universities have been identified as STEEL scholarship finalists [focusing on all engineering disciplines]. The next step for the STEEL finalists is to be matched with interested corporate sponsors. The twenty-two 2007 scholars are:

FeMET

Lauren Rose, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla
Jerica Cadman, Materials Joining Engineering, LeTourneau University
Michael D. Pomeroy, Materials Engineering, McMaster University
Wesley Everhart, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla
David A. Horst, Materials Engineering, McGill University
Juliana Sipeki, Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, Colorado School of Mines
Katherine M. Jonsson, Materials Engineering, University of Alberta
Joshua Noll, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla
Alexander G.S. Harmer, Materials Engineering, University of Alberta
Adam E. McGrath, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Utah

STEEL Finalists (corporate sponsors pending)

Rebecca D. Allen, Civil Engineering, McMaster University
Brian C. Boguski, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University
Kale J. Stephenson, Materials Science and Engineering, Washington State University
Derek J.Manwill, Civil Engineering, Oregon State University
Katherine M. McGinley, Mechanical Engineering, University of Pittsburgh
Patrick F. Voll, Mechanical Engineering, University of Notre Dame
Jessica L. Stouffer, Chemical Engineering, University of Notre Dame
Wesley T. Croom, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla
Steven S. Webb, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla

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Colby J. Litzenberger, Civil Engineering, Gonzaga University
Matthew B. Meyer, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla
Steven R. Spurgeon, Materials Science and Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University

Scholarships of U.S. $5000 each will be awarded to each scholar for the school year beginning in Fall 2007. Each scholarship will include a paid internship at a North American steel company during the summer of the 2008 and a second scholarship of U.S. $5000 in the student's senior year, based on satisfactory academic and internship performance. This is the third year of the FeMET initiative and second year of STEEL program. The number of applications received has increased each year, indicating the programs are becoming more well known on college campuses and that students view the steel industry as a career with opportunity.

"The FeMET and STEEL programs are definitely helping the steel industry in filling the gap generated by the exit of experienced personnel through retirement," said Andrew G. Sharkey, president and CEO of AISI. "These programs have been exposing metallurgy and material science students to real life situations and opportunities in the steel industry and enable them to take up careers in the North American steel industry."

"With the first class of FeMET Scholars having just entered the work force in May 2007, the success of this program is now measurable," said Ron Ashburn, AIST Executive Director. "From the inaugural ten FeMET Scholars, only one has entered another industry, an extremely favorable outcome."

The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) was formed on Jan. 1, 2004, by the merger of the Iron & Steel Society and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. AIST is an international technical association representing more than 13,000 iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel. The AIST Foundation seeks to attract young technology-oriented professionals to the industry by promoting the high-tech, diverse and well-paying natures of careers in modern steelmaking. For more information about AIST, visit www.aist.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 31 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 130 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to our customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 75 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at www.steel.org.

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