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2008 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, aimed at attracting top talent to the North American steel industry, have awarded scholarships for 2008. Nine students from six U.S. and Canadian universities have been awarded FeMET scholarships – focusing on metallurgy and materials science – and similarly five from five U.S. 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. In addition to the FeMET and StEEL Scholarships, AISI and the AIST Foundation have awarded the inaugural AISI / AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship.

The fifteen 2008 scholars are:

AISI/AIST Foundation Premier

Thomas J. Bailey, Metallurgical Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

FeMET

Hillary Griffith, Metallurgical Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Bradley B. Hasek, Material Science and Engineering, Pennsylvania State University

Mark J. Hlady, Materials Engineering, University of Alberta

Sarah Miller, Materials Science and Engineering, Washington State University

Micah P. Morrison, Metallurgical Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Nichlas Z. Swintek, Materials Science and Engineering, University of Arizona

Hannah M. Terwelp, Metallurgical Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Ashley E. Vayer-Jenkins, Metallurgical Engineering, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Eric D. Young, Metallurgical Engineering, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

StEEL

Marlon J. Belleth, Electrical Engineering, University of Houston, sponsored by CMC Steel—Texas

Nathan E. Carlson, Metallurgical Engineering, University of Utah, sponsored by Nucor Steel—Utah

Kalan P. Kucera, Materials Science & Engineering, University of Kentucky, sponsored by Nucor Steel—Texas

Steven E. McKee, Mechanical Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia, sponsored by ArcelorMittal

Stefan K. Prodan, Materials Science & Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, sponsored by California Steel Industries Inc.

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Scholarships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to each scholar for the school year beginning in fall 2008. Each scholarship will include a paid internship at a North American steel company during the summer of the 2009 and a second scholarship of \$5,000 in the student's senior year, based on satisfactory academic and internship performance. This is the fourth year of the FeMET initiative and third year of the StEEL program. The new AISI/AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship is awarded to the highest ranking of all FeMET and StEEL applications received. This scholarship provides the same benefits with an increase to \$10,000 per year. There continues to be an increasing number of applications each year, indicating the programs are developing recognition on college campuses and students are beginning to view steel industry careers as an opportunity.

The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes that seeks to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in modern steelmaking. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to talented and dedicated students to encourage the pursuit of a career within iron and steel-related industries. Approximately \$403,000 will be awarded in 2008 through the AIST Foundation and its affiliated groups. The AIST Foundation is part of AISI, an international professional and technical association of more than 14,000 professional and student members. As the industry evolves, the AIST Foundation will strive to develop new and innovative programs to support the future of the iron and steel technology. For more information about AISI, visit www.aistfoundation.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 28 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 138 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or 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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