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American Welding Society Foundation Awards 2007-2008 National Scholarships and Fellowships

Miami, FL, July 2, 2007 – The [American Welding Society](#) (AWS) [Foundation](#), the charitable organization of AWS, today announced the 2007-2008 recipients of the Foundation's National Scholarship and Fellowship programs. AWS is the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding.

The national scholarships are available to students pursuing a welding-related degree at an accredited four-year college or university, unless special criteria are specified by the donor. Each scholarship is worth a minimum of \$2,500 annually. The AWS Fellowship is awarded to students for graduate research toward a master's degree or doctorate degree under a sponsoring professor at a North American University. The fellowships are presented in amounts of up to \$25,000 per year, renewable for up to three years of research.

The 2007-2008 AWS [fellowship](#) recipients are:

- **Paul Fleming, of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN**, received the Glenn J. Gibson Fellowship.
- **Rituraj Nandan, of Pennsylvania State University in University Park, PA**, received the Miller Electric Mfg. Co. Fellowship.
- **Erik Soderstrom, of Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO**, received the AWS Fellowship.
- **Yuan Zhang, of Ohio State University in Columbus, OH**, received the AWS Fellowship.

The 2007-2008 AWS Foundation [national scholarship](#) recipients are:

- **Richard E. Baumer, from Hartville, MO**, received the Howard E. and Wilma J. Adkins Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Baumer attends LeTourneau University and is majoring in Materials Joining Engineering.
- **Leland Kienbaum, from Centennial, CO**, received the Airgas-Jerry Baker Scholarship. Mr. Kienbaum attends Ferris State University and is majoring in Welding Engineering Technology.
- **Joseph Walko, from Stow, OH**, received the Airgas-Terry Jarvis Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Walko attends The Ohio State University and is majoring in Welding Engineering.
- **Erika Kovach, from Stockbridge, MI**, received the Arsham Amirikian Engineering Scholarship. Ms. Kovach attends Ferris State University and is majoring in Welding Engineering Technology.

- **Geoffrey Murray, from Herndon, VA, and Matt Reiter, from Arcadia, OH,** both received the Jack R. Barckhoff Welding Management Scholarship. Both students attend The Ohio State University. Mr. Murray is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering and Mr. Reiter is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering.
- **Westley Smith, Mifflinburg, PA,** received the Edward J. Brady Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Smith attends Pennsylvania College of Technology and is pursuing a degree in Welding & Fabrication Engineering Technology.
- **Daniel M. Gipson, from Schoolcraft, MI,** received the William A. and Ann M. Brothers Scholarship. Mr. Gipson attends Ferris State University and is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering Technology.
- **Stephanie J. Irvine, from Garland, PA,** received the Donald F. Hastings Scholarship. Ms. Irvine attends Pennsylvania College of Technology and is pursuing a degree in Welding & Fabrication Engineering Technology.
- **Jerica L. Cadman, from Gulfport, MS,** received the Donald and Shirley Hastings Scholarship. Ms. Cadman attends LeTourneau University and is majoring in Materials Joining Engineering.
- **Timothy P. Mikel** received William B. Howell Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Mikel attends Ferris State University and is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering Technology.
- **Edwin Wold, from Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada,** received the Hypertherm International HyTech Leadership Scholarship. Mr. Wold received a bachelor's degree in Engineering and a master's degree in Project and Engineering Management from Montana Tech of the University of Montana.
- **Caleb Haven, from Kingsley, MI, and Amanda D'Arcy, from Reed City, MI,** received the Illinois Tool Works Companies Scholarship. Both students of Ferris State University, Mr. Haven is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering Technology and Ms. D'Arcy is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering Technology.
- **Anna Wolfgang, from Gaylord, MI,** received the John C. Lincoln Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Wolfgang attends LeTourneau University and is pursuing a degree in Materials Joining Engineering.
- **Martin Denault, from Clarks Summit, PA,** received the Matsuo Bridge Company Ltd. of Japan Scholarship. Mr. Denault attends Pennsylvania College of Technology and is pursuing a degree in Welding & Fabrication Engineering Technology.
- **Thomas Reynolds** received the Robert L. Peaslee Detroit Brazing and Soldering Division Scholarship. Mr. Reynolds attends the University of California at Berkeley and is pursuing a master's degree in Materials Science and Engineering.
- **Nathan D. Miller, from Frankenmuth, MI,** received the Praxair International Scholarship. Mr. Miller attends Ferris State University and is pursuing a degree in Welding Engineering Technology.
- **Joshua W. Sleigh, from Plainview, NE,** received the Jerry Robinson Inweld Corporation Scholarship. Mr. Sleigh attends LeTourneau University and is majoring in Materials Joining Engineering.

- **Andrew Latas, from Overland Park, KS**, received the James A. Turner, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Latas attends Friends University and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Note: AWS' Resistance Welder Manufacturing Alliance (RWMA) Scholarship winners will be selected in October 2007.

To learn more about AWS Foundation scholarships, fellowships and other programs, visit www.aws.org/foundation, call 800-443-9353 (ext. 212), or email vpinsky@aws.org.

About AWS Foundation

The [AWS Foundation](http://www.aws.org), Inc. was established by the American Welding Society in 1989 to meet the needs for education and research in the field of welding and related joining technologies. The Foundation supports the welding industry by providing funding for scholarships for entry level welding vocational training, trade school and community college courses and degrees, engineering undergraduates and fellowships for welding research. The Foundation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit corporation, managed by a volunteer Board of Trustees with supporting staff located at the American Welding Society headquarters in Miami, Florida.

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 districts with 250 sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the Society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "pressroom."

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