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**** TWO PORTLAND BREWERS PREVAIL IN 2008 FALCONER FOUNDATION BREWING SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Patrick Miller, a Portland, OR home brewer, and Vasili Gletsos from Rock Bottom Brewery in Portland, OR have been named recipients of the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation 2008 Brewing Scholarships. This again year witnessed an outstanding group of highly qualified applicants from Washington, Oregon, Northern California, and Hawaii. To date, the Foundation has granted a total of nine scholarships.

Patrick will attend the World Brewing Academy (WBA) Concise Course in Brewing Technology held at Siebel Institute of Technology's Chicago campus this October/November. Vasili will attend the WBA Beer Production and Quality Control course in September/October at the Siebel campus. Each brewing scholarship is a full-tuition grant along with travel stipend that is offered with the generous co-sponsorship of the Siebel Institute. The Concise Course in Brewing Technology is a two-week intensive program that covers every topic critical to successful brewery operations. The Beer Production and Quality Control course is a two-week intensive specialty course intended for brewers who seek an in-depth understanding of that specific brewing discipline.

The Selection Committee, consisting of Tom Dalldorf of Celebrator Beer News, Jamie Floyd of Ninkasi Brewing Company, John Harris of Full Sail Brewing, John Maier of Rogue Ales, Ralph Olson of Hopunion, Shaun O'Sullivan of 21st Amendment Brewery, and Chris Studach of Cascade Brewers Society were tasked with selecting only two recipients from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates.

In making its final decision, the Selection Committee members were impressed by Patrick and Vasili's demonstrated accomplishment and dedication to furthering their brewing skills. In the words of a committee member: "Patrick's accomplishments are especially noteworthy given that he took up brewing only three years ago." Added another member: "Patrick demonstrates incredible commitment. The Siebel experience will be invaluable to his quest to become a professional brewer." Of Vasili, several Selection Committee members were impressed by his continued dedication to his roots as a home brewer, citing similarities with Glen's devotion to his home brewing community. Another member added: "Vasili is not only enthusiastic, creative, and passionate about his brewing but also is completely earnest in his desire to give back to his professional and home brewing communities." Both Patrick and Vasili are members of the Oregon Brew Crew, one of the oldest and largest home brewing clubs in the country.

The Foundation extends congratulations to Patrick and Vasili and sincere appreciation to all the applicants for their interest and enthusiasm for the brewing scholarships. The Foundation also thanks the Selection Committee for its dedication and energy and wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Siebel Institute for its co-sponsorship and its continuing support for the Foundation's brewing scholarship program.

For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, visit www.sasquatchbrewfest.org/foundation.html. For information on the Siebel Institute, visit www.siebelinstitute.com.

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