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**** ALASKAN BREWER NAMED RECIPIENT OF 1st FALCONER FOUNDATION AMERICAN BREWERS GUILD SCHOLARSHIP ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Benjamin Johnson of Midnight Sun Brewing Company (Anchorage, AK) has been named recipient of the first Glen Hay Falconer Foundation American Brewers Guild scholarship. This scholarship attracted a very strong group of highly qualified applicants from throughout the Pacific Northwest region.

Ben will be attending the American Brewers Guild's Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course which runs from January through June 2010. The Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course is a 22-week distance education program with a final week of residential instruction. The course is designed for brewers and homebrewers who lack formal training in brewing science and covers all the fundamentals of beer production and quality assurance.

The brewing scholarship is a full-tuition grant along with travel stipend that is offered with the generous co-sponsorship of the American Brewers Guild. The American Brewers Guild is a premier school for the craft brewing industry dedicated to providing a comprehensive learning experience that focuses on the technical, scientific, and operational matters and issues that brewers face in a craft brewing environment.

The Selection Committee, consisting of Bob Craig, Brewmaster and Owner of Walking Man Brewing, Christian Ettinger, Brewmaster-Owner, of Hopworks Urban Brewery, Alan Moen, Editor of Northwest Brewing News, Steve Parkes, Owner and Lead Instructor of American Brewers Guild, and Shaun O'Sullivan, Brewmaster and Co-Founder of 21st Amendment Brewery, were given the difficult decision of selecting a single recipient from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates.

In making its final decision, the Selection Committee members were impressed by Ben Johnson's demonstrated accomplishment and dedication to furthering his brewing skills. In the words of committee members, Ben's "passion for the art of craft brewing" and his "thirst for knowledge" set him apart in a group of applicants that was "packed with talent and accomplishment."

The Foundation extends congratulations to Ben and a sincere appreciation to all the applicants for their interest and enthusiasm for the inaugural Falconer Foundation American Brewers Guild scholarship. The Foundation also thanks the Selection Committee for its dedication and energy and wishes to express its gratitude to the American Brewers Guild for its co-sponsorship and support for the Foundation's brewing scholarship program.

For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, visit www.glenfalconerfoundation.org. For information on the American Brewers Guild, visit www.abgbrew.com.

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