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**MUNKANTA AND TAYLOR PREVAIL IN 2009 FALCONER FOUNDATION
BREWING SCHOLARSHIPS**

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Kachusha Munkanta of 21st Amendment Brewery (San Francisco, CA) and Evan Taylor of Silver Moon Brewing (Bend, OR) have been named recipients of the 2009 Glen Hay Falconer Foundation Brewing Scholarships. This year witnessed an outstanding group of highly qualified applicants and a very tight race for the two brewing scholarships. To date, the Foundation has granted a total of eleven scholarships over the past six years.

Kachusha will attend the World Brewing Academy (WBA) Concise Course in Brewing Technology held at Siebel Institute of Technology's Chicago campus this November. Evan will attend the WBA Packaging and Process Technology course in 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 Packaging and Process Technology course is a two-week intensive specialty course intended for brewers who seek an in-depth understanding of a specific brewing discipline.

The Selection Committee, consisting of Tom Dalldorf of Celebrator Beer News, John Harris of Full Sail Brewing, John Maier of Rogue Ales, Ralph Olson of Hopunion, Chris Studach of Cascade Brewers Society, Jamie Floyd of Ninkasi Brewing Company, and Shaun O'Sullivan of 21st Amendment Brewery were tasked with selecting only two recipients from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates. A quick note to acknowledge that Shaun did not participate in the Concise Course voting.

In making its final decision, the Selection Committee members were impressed by Kachusha and Evan's demonstrated accomplishment and dedication to furthering their brewing skills. In the words of committee members: Kachusha's "community-oriented spirit and dedication to education" along with "his entrepreneurial drive and creativity" led him to the head of the pack. Regarding Evan, Selection Committee members felt that Evan "lives and breathes brewing," that "he walks the talk" about brewing artistry, and that "Evan continually demonstrates his desire to learn and incorporate new ideas into his brewing technique."

The Foundation extends congratulations to Kachusha and Evan and a 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 gratitude to the Siebel Institute for its co-sponsorship and continuing support for the Foundation's brewing scholarship program.

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