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**** MERGENS AND WALDMAN TOP THE PACK AS RECIPIENTS OF THE
2014 FALCONER FOUNDATION SIEBEL BREWING SCHOLARSHIPS ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Richard Mergens of Mac & Jack's Brewery and Hi-Fi Brewing (Redmond, WA) and Joshua Waldman of Elysian Brewing (Seattle, WA) have been named recipients of the 2014 Glen Hay Falconer Foundation Siebel Brewing Scholarships. The expanded scope and reach of the Foundation's scholarships attracted the largest applicant pool ever in our eleven year collaboration with the Siebel Institute of Technology. Our scholarship program encompasses over half of the United States geography and the scholarships drew candidates from throughout that region. But one had to look no farther than the greater Seattle area to find this year's top picks.

Richard Mergens is a professional brewer at both Mac & Jack's Brewery and Hi-Fi Brewing and remains passionately committed to his homebrewing roots. Mergens will be attending the WBA Concise Course in Brewing Technology that takes place this October at the Siebel Institute in Chicago. The Concise Course in Brewing Technology is a two-week intensive program that covers every topic critical to successful brewery operations. Selection Committee members were impressed by Richard's "dedication and studious approach to learning the practical aspects of brewing." Richard also distinguished himself with his "constant enthusiasm and endless passion for the craft". Committee members also praised Richard's "level of ongoing involvement, leadership, and genuine commitment to his local homebrewing community" and his "distinctions as a ranked BJCP judge."

Josh Waldman is lead brewer at Elysian Brewing's production facility. He possesses a breadth of brewing experience from across the county and has distinguished himself with every new endeavor. Waldman will be attending the World Brewing Academy (WBA) International Diploma in Brewing Technology Program that runs from September to November at Siebel's Chicago and Munich campuses. The International Diploma course is a 12-week comprehensive program intended for brewers seeking an in-depth understanding of the technical aspects and practical application of brewing science and technology. Selection Committee members felt that "Josh embodies the science and art of brewing, marrying a commitment to technical expertise with innovation and creativity."

They highlighted that "his quest for mastery" is really about his intrinsic desire "to give back – to become a better brewer to contribute to his colleagues, business, craft brewing industry, and local community."

The Foundation thanks the incredible Selection Committee for its dedication and energy. The 2014 Committee consisted of Tom Dalldorf of Celebrator Beer News, Jamie Floyd of Ninkasi Brewing Company, Chip Hardy of The Bier Stein

Bottleshop & Pub, Keith Lemcke of Siebel Institute, John Maier of Rogue Ales, Ralph Olson of Hopunion, and Chris Studach of Cascade Brewers Society.

A special thanks to Hopunion whose spectacularly successful Falconer's Flight® initiative has not only vastly spread the word about brewing education but also provided the necessary financial support to help underwrite the our expansive brewing scholarship program.

The Foundation expresses its deep gratitude to the Siebel Institute for its collaboration and long-time friendship and support. For information on the Siebel Institute, visit www.siebelinstitute.com.

To date, the Foundation has granted a total of 28 brewing education scholarships over the past eleven years and currently offers three scholarships annually. For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, our brewing scholarship program, and related activities, visit www.glenfalconerfoundation.org and follow us on Facebook.

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