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FeMET, StEEL and PREMIER 2010 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Pittsburgh, Pa. — The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) Foundation's and the American Iron and Steel Institute's (AISI) "Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today," or FeMET Initiative, and "Steel Engineering Education Link," or StEEL Initiative, aimed at attracting top talent to the North American steel industry, have awarded their scholarships for the 2010–2011 academic year.

"We commend these scholarship recipients for their achievements," AISI President and CEO Thomas J. Gibson, said. "Clearly, the FeMET and StEEL programs are identifying exactly the kind of top-notch students we hope to attract to become part of the North American steel industry. It enables them to make a career in a vibrant and progressive industry, while at the same time it strengthens the steel industry for the future."

"Since 2005, the FeMET Initiative has awarded 85 students from 34 universities a multi-year scholarship, with another 50 steel-related facilities providing a paid summer internship to these students during that same period. The collective goal is to enlighten these young people about the rewarding nature of a career in steel. By working in concert with industry, the FeMET Initiative has built a pipeline for metallurgical or materials science engineering candidates to enter the steel industry," said Ron Ashburn, AIST executive director.

Scholarships — Nine students from four U.S. and Canadian universities have been awarded FeMET scholarships, focusing on metallurgy and materials science. Similarly, three students from three U.S. and Canadian universities have been identified as StEEL scholarship finalists, focusing

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on all engineering disciplines. The next step for the StEEL finalists is to be matched with interested corporate sponsors. In addition to the FeMET and StEEL scholarships, the third AISI/AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship was awarded.

The 13 scholars for 2010 are:

AISI/AIST Foundation Premier

Scott T. Pisarik, metallurgical engineering major, Missouri University of Science & Technology

FeMET

Kyle J. Bevnas, metallurgical engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Alyssa Briere, materials engineering, McMaster University

Eric D. Cole, materials science and engineering, The Ohio State University

Benjamin G. Desclouds, materials engineering and management, McMaster University

Brandon M. Ensor, metallurgical engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Jason W. Hebert, metallurgical and materials engineering, University of Alabama

Stephanie L. Mieth, metallurgical engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Ahmed Salman, materials engineering and management, McMaster University

Brycklin M. Wilson, materials engineering, McMaster University

StEEL

Erin T. Furnell, materials engineering, University of Alberta

James C. Haley, materials engineering, Clemson University

Matthew D. Winters, civil engineering, Cleveland State University

Scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded to each scholar for the school year beginning in fall 2010.

Each scholarship will include a paid internship at a North American steel company during the summer of 2011 and a second scholarship of \$5,000 in the student's senior year, based on satisfactory academic and internship performance. This is the sixth year of the FeMET Initiative and the fifth year of the StEEL program. The AISI/AIST Foundation Premier Scholarship, now in its third year, is awarded to the highest ranking of all FeMET and StEEL applications received. This scholarship provides the same benefits, with an increase to \$10,000 per year. The number of applications each year is increasing, indicating the programs are developing recognition on college campuses and students are beginning to view steel industry careers as an attractive opportunity.

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The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes that seeks to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in modern steelmaking. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to talented and dedicated students to encourage the pursuit of a career within iron and steel-related industries. Approximately \$400,000 in scholarships and grants was awarded in 2010 through the AIST Foundation and its affiliated groups. The AIST Foundation is part of AIST, an international professional and technical association of more than 14,000 professional and student members. As the industry evolves, the AIST Foundation will strive to develop new and innovative programs to support the future of the iron and steel technology. For more information about the AIST Foundation, visit AISTFoundation.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 23 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 138 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent over 75% of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's Web site at www.steel.org.

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