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Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarships Total 256 for 2014

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – The current grand total for the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) scholarships in 2014 is awards for \$288,000 with eight collaborating associations still finalizing their selections.

“Proceeds from the Symposium are used to fund scholarships, cover the administrative and website expenses for GAAS, UAF and all organizations that draw from the online applications at www.AutomotiveScholarships.com for their awards,” said Dennis Welvaert, GAAS chairman. “In addition, GAAS proceeds fund a second, matching award for scholarship recipients who graduate and hold employment as a technician in the aftermarket for at least six months.”

“Six of the 256 awards to date were funded through generous donations received during GAAS,” noted Pete Kornafel, chairman of the GAAS Scholarship Committee. “The committee extends its thanks to more than a dozen donors for their investment in the future of the aftermarket.”

Each of these scholarship winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to advance their education, either at two-year vocational / technical colleges or four-year colleges and universities. All of these students are either attending or entering vocational programs to become mechanical, collision, or heavy duty repair professionals. This year’s recipients are:

- Brandon Edgecomb of Burlington, Kansas
- Matthew Fusco of White Lake, Mich.
- Anthony Gerber of Bedford, Pa.
- Brodie Hawkins of Randolph, N.Y.
- Tyler St. Clair of Newton, Ill.
- Armoni Stephens of Lexington, Ky.

For more information on the GAAS scholarship program, visit www.AutomotiveScholarships.com.

About the GAAS Scholarship Program

The GAAS program is a joint professional education effort of the of the Alliance of State Automotive Aftermarket Associations (ASAAA), Auto Care Association, Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Automotive Industries Association (AIA) of Canada, Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association (APRA), Automotive Service Association (ASA), Automotive Warehouse Distributors Association (AWDA), Motorist Assurance Program (MAP), Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), Specialty Equipment Market Association

(SEMA), Tire Industry Association (TIA) and University of the Aftermarket. GAAS is made possible through the generous support of its corporate sponsor, IHS Automotive driven by Polk, and its foundation sponsor, the University of the Aftermarket Foundation.