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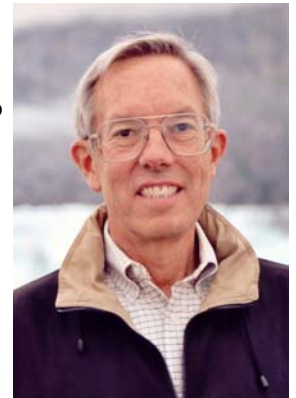
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It has been a busy summer for the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) Scholarship Committee. The committee, led by chairman Pete Kornafel, has announced that GAAS will be collaborating with several new industry partners in creating an online scholarship resource for students planning to pursue careers in the automotive aftermarket.

This industry association cooperation will allow students interested in aftermarket careers to submit one application for 2008 scholarships at www.automotivescholarships.org. Not only will it make them eligible for a Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium Scholarship (GAAS), but they will also receive consideration for the following scholarships:

- Automotive Aftermarket Association of the Carolinas and Tennessee (AAACT)
- Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast (AAAS) - Alabama,

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*Pete Kornafel
GAAS Scholarship
Committee Chairman*

"GAAS Fuels Education" Is '07 Lapel Pin Slogan

GAAS Fuels Education has been chosen by the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) Scholarship Committee as the slogan for 2007-2008 collectible GAAS lapel pins.

Tad Dowling, marketing services manager for Perfection Clutch, Timmonsville, S.C., is the contest winner and will receive a complimentary registration to the 2008 GAAS Symposium, which will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20-21 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago. Nearly 100 entries were submitted by individuals in the aftermarket industry.

The lapel pins, which were introduced in 2006, help generate funds for the GAAS scholarship program that has distributed \$1.3 million in total aid to more than 1,300 students pursuing aftermarket careers. Pete Kornafel, chairman of the GAAS Scholarship Committee, asks that companies consider the pins as a goodwill gesture during the holiday season.

"While it's customary that many companies show their appreciation every year during the holidays by giving their customers, vendors, employees and others a small gift, this year we ask that companies consider giving a GAAS lapel pin or a donation in the name of the recipient in order to benefit a future member of the aftermarket," Kornafel said.

GAAS collectible lapel pins can be purchased at major industry events for a donation of \$20 each and GAAS organizers are providing volume discounts for purchases (see below)

Single pins	\$20 each
15 pins	\$250 donation (plus shipping)
30 pins	\$500 donation (includes ground shipping)
90 pins	\$1,000 donation (includes ground shipping)
More than 90 pins	Additional \$10/pin in boxes of 30

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BB&T's Tony Cristello Will Return For GAAS 2008 In Chicago

The 2008 Global Symposium will see the return of Tony Cristello of BB&T Capital Markets. As senior vice president, Cristello directs the automotive aftermarket research platform for the company. At GAAS 2008, he will once again provide a perspective on Wall Street from someone who writes equity research exclusively on the automotive aftermarket.

Cristello, who made his first appearance at this year's Symposium in Chicago, was warmly received. Cristello remarked during his presentation that he wanted the audience to feel good about



Tony Cristello makes a point at GAAS 2007 in Chicago

the automotive aftermarket. "Last year was a tough year, and I know the title of this symposium is, 'Survival in a Changing Aftermarket.' And I know that many of

you continue to face issues such as imports, and China, and supply chain pressures," explained Cristello. "And a lot of times that makes it challenging to remember the successes that this industry has had. And I want you to understand how well this industry is viewed on Wall Street."

When he returns for 2008, Cristello plans to review what he calls "his best stock pick for you to make the most money over the next 12 months" which is O'Reilly Automotive. See what Cristello has to say next year in Chicago about this prediction and others. ♦

Symposium Scholarship Program Expands Its Outreach (cont.)

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Georgia, and Mississippi

- Automotive Parts & Service Alliance (APSA-Texas)
- Breslow Foundation
- California/Nevada Automotive Wholesalers' Association (CAWA)

Applicants must meet the individual scholarship qualifications to be considered.

"This is a valuable resource for students seeking careers in the automotive industry. We are pleased to have AACT, AAAS, CAWA as new partners in this important effort to promote this investment in our industry's future," said Pete Kornafel, chairman of the GAAS Schol-

arship Selection Committee.

"We appreciate very much the efforts of Mr. Kornafel and the GAAS organization in offering this great opportunity for intra-industry cooperation and communication. Those interested in furthering their education and looking to a career in the automotive industry, along with the industry itself, will be the real winners here," said Randal Ward, CAE, president of AAAS. "I know that is the number one objective of each individual organization involved in this effort. Speaking for Foundation chairman Jimmy Edwards of A-1 Auto Parts in Philadelphia, Miss., I can say we are very happy and proud to be part of this team," he added.

"This type of collaboration within the industry is in everyone's best interests and we are pleased to join with the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium and

other organizations to assure educational opportunities for future employees and leaders in the aftermarket" said Rodney K. Pierini, president and CEO, CAWA.

The GAAS scholarship program awarded 154 scholarships in 2007. Including this year's awards, GAAS has presented more than 1,300 scholarships and more than \$1.3 million since it was formed. Details about the GAAS scholarship program are available at www.automotivescholarships.com.

Over its 13-year history, the annual Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) has become the premier industry conference for senior-level aftermarket executives. All of the net proceeds from the event go toward funding industry scholarships. ♦

"GAAS Fuels Education" Is '07 Lapel Pin Slogan (cont.)

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Companies interested in purchasing lapel pins should send an e-mail to Pete Kornafel at pete@carquest.com.

The GAAS Scholarship Fund is part of the overall AAIA Foundation for Aftermarket Industry Research, which is a 501c3 organization, making an investment in the industry's future a deductible gift

donation. Details about the GAAS scholarship program are available at www.automotivescholarships.com. ♦

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