KENNEDY AND MILLSTEIN TOP PICKS IN FALCONER FOUNDATION 2006 BREWING SCHOLARSHIPS

Chad Kennedy of Laurelwood Public House & Brewery (Portland, OR) and Ben Millstein of Kodiak Island Brewing Company (Kodiak, AK) have been named recipients of the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation 2006 Brewing Scholarships. This year witnessed an outstanding group of 25 highly qualified applicants from Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Chad and Ben will attend the World Brewing Academy's Concise Course in Brewing Technology held at Siebel Institute of Technology's Chicago campus this November. 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 Selection Committee, consisting of Tom Dalldorf of Celebrator Beer News, Jamie Floyd of Ninkasi Brewing Company, John Harris of Full Sail Brewing, John Maier of Rogue Ales, Ralph Olson of Hopunion, Shaun O'Sullivan of 21st Amendment Brewery, and Chris Studach of Cascade Brewers Society were tasked with selecting only two recipients from a deep and talented group of 25 deserving candidates. Speaking for the entire committee, one member highlighted the challenge: "The group of applicants was just too big and too talented to chose only two. It was the toughest decision that I have faced in years!"

In making its final decision, the Selection Committee members were impressed by Chad and Ben's demonstrated accomplishment and dedication to furthering their brewing skills. In the words of a committee member: "Chad's accomplishments in a fairly short time are only overshadowed by his clear desire to succeed in brewing. Perhaps even more important is his understanding of the open and sharing nature of the brewing community and his strong motivation to give something back to it." And for Ben: "Ben's dedication to the art of brewing is hugely obvious. To overcome the obstacles he has from a beginning homebrewer in remote Alaska, to successfully found and operate a homegrown, Alaskan brewery is inspiring."

The Foundation extends congratulations to Chad and Ben and 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 deep gratitude to the Siebel Institute for its co-sponsorship and its continuing support for the Foundation's brewing scholarship program.

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