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**** DANIEL CUSTER TOP PICK FOR 2026 AMERICAN BREWERS GUILD SCHOLARSHIP ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Daniel Custer of Sound 2 Summit Brewing (Snohomish, WA) has been named recipient of the 2026 American Brewers Guild scholarship. Daniel will be attending ABG's Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering (IBS&E) course that runs from January to June 2026. The Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course is a 22-week distance education program with a final week of residential instruction in Middlebury, VT. The course covers all the fundamentals of beer production and quality assurance with a special emphasis on practical issues.

Daniel's brewing journey began as a homebrewer, progressing from extract kits to all-grain brewing while immersing himself in his local homebrew club, the Greater Everett Brewer's League. In his own words, Daniel "was hooked ... and decided this is what I wanted to do for a living." He has since worked his way through several breweries, gaining hands-on experience across nearly every aspect of brewing and brewing operations.

Daniel spent three years as Lead Brewer at Crucible Brewing, where he took ownership of major projects ranging from recipe development to equipment maintenance. He was deeply committed to developing junior brewers and to community education and engagement. Currently, Daniel is Head Brewer at Sound 2 Summit Brewing, where he oversees all beer production across two taproom locations.

The Selection Committee noted Daniel's "impressive resume of accomplishment and meaningful impact at the breweries he's worked." His recommendations praised his "creative artistry in recipe development paired with technical precision in the brewhouse." Daniel continues to experiment and refine recipes on his home system, reflecting his deep commitment to continual learning and craft brewing. "What Daniel has achieved is remarkable given that much of his brewing career has been built through hands-on experience. With a strong foundation in the technical and scientific aspects of brewing from the ABG course, his potential is tremendous."

Throughout his brewing career, Daniel has made engaging with his community and mentoring others a central priority. He openly acknowledges the guidance he has received and is committed to helping others pursue their own brewing aspirations. One of his primary motivations for enrolling in the ABG program is bringing that knowledge back to the brewhouse. Summarized by the Selection Committee members and his recommendations: "For Daniel, his sense of giving back is an essential trait – he acknowledges how much others have guided him along his journey, and he wants to help others achieve their dreams. How better to continue to inspire and motivate junior craft brewers than to share that knowledge for the benefit of the brewery and community. Daniel is in a great position to carry forward the legacy of excellence that defines the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation."

The American Brewers Guild is a premier school for the craft brewing industry dedicated to providing a comprehensive learning experience that focuses on the technical, scientific, and operational matters and issues that brewers face in a craft brewing environment. The Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to American Brewers Guild for its long-standing and continuing support for the Foundation's brewing education scholarship program.

Join us in thanking the Selection Committee of Jamie Floyd (Ninkasi Brewing), Lisa Morrison (Belmont Station Bottle Shop & Biercafé), Steve Parkes (American Brewers Guild), Dan Russo (formerly of Oakshire Brewing),

and Brett Thomas (Sunriver Brewing) who were given the difficult decision of selecting a single recipient from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates.

A special thanks to [Yakima Chief Hops](#) whose spectacularly successful [Falconer's Flight®](#) hop blend not only has vastly spread the word about brewing education but also provided the necessary long-term financial support to help underwrite our brewing scholarship program.

The Falconer Foundation has granted 57 scholarships since 2004 and is dedicated to promoting knowledge and expertise in the craft brewing industry in memory and honor of Glen Hay Falconer.

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