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**** JULIE PEREZ AND ROBERT GUERRERO TOP PICKS FOR 2026 FALCONER FOUNDATION SIEBEL BREWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Julie Perez from Pink Boots Society and Robert Guerrero from Barebottle Brewing Company (San Francisco, CA) have been named recipients of the 2026 Siebel Institute scholarships. Our scholarship program encompasses over half of the United States geography and the scholarships drew candidates from throughout that region. Both scholarships are to the WBA Concise Course in Brewing Technology that takes place this October in Montreal. The Concise Course in Brewing Technology is a two-week intensive program that covers every topic critical to successful brewery operations.

Julie Perez: Julie developed a passion for home brewing that led her into the professional ranks. She developed a strong operational background at Magnolia Brewing Company and New Belgium Brewing Company. Her penchant for connecting community with brewing talent led her to her current involvement at Pink Boots Society. Julie's longer-term goal is to establish a brewery that fosters collaboration, mentorship, and learning for the local brewing and broader community. The Concise Course fits well in Julie's trajectory as it connects technical and scientific disciplines with her current brewing experiences and natural leadership talents.

Summarized so well by the Selection Committee: "While there were several outstanding candidates, Julie represented not only the eagerness and aptitude to learn, but an already established desire to share her knowledge and experience in many ways as she grows as a brewer -- a key element in awarding the scholarship." Added another: "Julie benefitted from some strong mentors and that has contributed to her natural drive to give back to her community through knowledge-sharing and to inspire others to develop their pathways to grow and be creative."

Robert Guerrero: Educated as a computer engineer, Robert was drawn to homebrewing which developed into the dream to brew professionally. He began with Drake's Brewing Company working up from the entry level. Currently at Barebottle Brewing Company, Robert has developed as a brewer in his own right. Robert has aspirations to open his own brewery with the goal not only of brewing great beer but also providing opportunities in his community and allowing them to express themselves through brewing. The Concise Course will enable Robert to develop the technical tools to continue to fast-track along his current pathway and contribute to making his longer-term goals a reality.

In the words of the Selection Committee: "His desire and well-communicated plan to open his own brewery as a means to provide living wages to people in his community was one of the things that really made Robert a standout in a competitive field." Added another: "Known for taking ownership of the entire process and with strong aptitude and passion for brewing, Robert has a strong path in the craft industry. The Concise Course will lift him up to achieve great things."

Join us in thanking the Selection Committee of Jamie Floyd (Ninkasi Brewing), John Hannafan (Siebel Institute), John Maier (Rogue Ales), Lisa Morrison (Belmont Station Bottle Shop & Biercafé), Shaun O’Sullivan (21st Amendment Brewery), and Cat Wiest (Yakima Chief Hops & 2019 Siebel International Diploma scholarship recipient).

To date, the Foundation has granted a total of 62 brewing education scholarships and currently offers three scholarships annually. For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, our brewing scholarship program, and related activities, visit www.glenfalconerfoundation.org. And follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

**** SASQUATCH BREWERS FESTIVAL APPROACHING ****

The annual **Sasquatch Brewers Festival** is right around the corner! It will be held on Saturday, June 6 at Ninkasi Brewing in Eugene, OR. This event commemorates the life and legacy of Glen Hay Falconer while highlighting the Falconer Foundation’s scholarship recipients and their contributions to the brewing community. For details, visit our website [Sasquatch Brewers Festival 2026 - Glen Falconer Foundation](#).

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