Whirlpool Foundation Announces 2008 Community Sons & Daughters Scholarship Winners

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., April 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Foundation announced the results of the 56th annual Sons & Daughters Scholarship competition on behalf of Whirlpool Corporation's Twin Cities grouping. Three $16,000 scholarships, payable over four years, two $2,500 Honor Awards and one $1,000 Incentive Award were presented to outstanding graduating high school students.

"All applicants were strong, yet this year's winners are to be congratulated for their distinct accomplishments and their particular eagerness to begin what should be promising academic and professional careers," said Barbara Hall, executive director of the Whirlpool Foundation.

Whirlpool Foundation 2008 Sons & Daughters Scholarship Program winners for the Twin Cities grouping are as follows:

Scholarship Awards

Kristine Cudahy of Lakeshore High School, daughter of Catherine & J.B. Hoyt. Kristine will attend Georgetown University in the fall of 2008.

Ryan Pawloski of Saint Joseph High School, son of Lisa and Richard Pawloski. Ryan is headed to Michigan State University in the fall of 2008.

Lian Zhu of Saint Joseph High School, daughter of Min Li and Jane Zhu. Lian plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall of 2008.

Honor Awards

Patrick Rollings of St. Joseph's High School (South Bend), son of Michael and Kathleen Mikula. Patrick will attend Indiana University in the fall.

Jessica Ramsay of Saint Joseph High School, daughter of Scott Ramsay and Jerri Shold. Jessica will attend either the University of Wisconsin or The Ohio State University.

William Schlaack of Lakeshore High School, son of Michael and Angela Schlaack, LaPorte Division, also received an Honor Award through the Field Grouping, which includes the LaPorte Division. William will be attending Kalamazoo College in the fall.

Incentive Award

Benjamin Lewis, of South Haven High School, son of Bryan & Carol Lewis. Benjamin will attend either Calvin College or Hope College in the fall.

This year's Twin Cities winners were evaluated by a judging panel selected from community organizations and included the Honorable Judge Mabel Mayfield of the Berrien County Courts; Kevin Monahan, Associate Director of Career Services for the University of Notre Dame; and Jon Wallace, co-owner of Carter Wallace Mortgage. Whirlpool Foundation thanks each of the judges for their time, effort and dedication to reviewing all applications and interviewing the finalists.

For more than 55 years, over 1,600 sons and daughters of Whirlpool Corp. employees have received scholarships to help finance their college educations, totaling more than $13 million. Whirlpool Foundation, the primary philanthropic arm of Whirlpool Corporation, was established in 1951 as a way for the company to assist nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities in which Whirlpool operates. Since its inception, the Foundation has granted more than $140 million to a variety of charitable groups.

For more information about the Whirlpool Foundation Sons & Daughters Scholarship Program, call the Foundation office at 269-923-5580.

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