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**American Galvanizers Association Announces the
2008 Galvanize the Future: An Edgar K. Schutz Scholarship Winners**

CENTENNIAL, CO – The American Galvanizers Association (AGA) has announced the winners of the 2008 *Galvanize the Future: An Edgar K. Schutz Scholarship* essay contest. Three students were selected from nearly twenty applicants based in architecture and civil or structural engineering programs in North America.

Securing the first place prize of a \$2,500 scholarship is Jeremiah Burhite, a 26-year-old student majoring in Architecture at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. His essay, “Beyond the ‘Whats’ and ‘Whys’ of Galvanized Architecture” was selected the winner by a panel of three industry experts that judged the essays in six criteria areas.

The second place winner of a \$1,500 scholarship is 21-year-old, Tyler Haak, an upcoming graduate in Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech. Haak is moving on to Stanford University to complete his masters program in Civil Engineering. His essay “Benefits of Hot-Dip Galvanized Steel” was recognized for its excellence with the life-cycle cost analysis benefits of using HDG.

The third place winner, 21-year-old, Matthew Pavelchak, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Pavelchak, graduates in May with a Bachelors in Civil Engineering from Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey. Pavelchak will begin CE graduate studies at Purdue University next fall.

This scholarship opportunity is open to any college student with majors in architecture, civil engineering or structural engineering and recently widened to include construction management, material science or a related field. The student can be full or part time, and enrolled in either an undergraduate or graduate degree program at any four year university in North America. For more information on next year’s program, visit the AGA’s scholarship page at www.galvanizeit.org/scholar. The deadline for submissions is March, 31, 2009.

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Serving the needs of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, and fabricators throughout North America since 1935, the American Galvanizers Association (AGA) provides information on the most innovative applications and state-of-the-art technological developments in hot-dip galvanizing for corrosion protection. Created to educate and train in the specification and use of hot-dip galvanized steel, the AGA maintains a large technical library, distributes numerous industry publications, offers free educational seminars, and provides toll-free technical support to the specifying community.

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