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NIADA Awards Scholarships and AEC of the Year, Plus Charles Teel Takes Office as New President

Orlando, Florida (June 26, 2009) -- The National Independent Automobile Dealers Association joined with AutoTrader.com to award a \$10,000 scholarship to Paul Rowley, a senior at Northwood University.



The scholarship is awarded annually to a student majoring in automotive studies at the Midland, Michigan school. Rowley is a native of Durand, Michigan.

"We are pleased to be helping an outstanding student prepare to enter the automotive field," said Michael R. Linn, NIADA's CEO. "Our industry is made better when people like Paul intern in dealerships and affiliated companies and go on to pursue careers in the

automotive field."

AutoTrader.com President Chip Perry echoed those comments. "Watching students like Paul learn and grow is extremely satisfying," he said. "AutoTrader is especially pleased to be partnering with NIADA to enhance our profession. I consider it a positive experience on both a personal and professional level to be part of this program."

Rowley is a junior at Northwood where he is active in various campus organizations. He served as president and co-founder of the Northwood Circle K, Chair of the Student Honors Association and was a student government representative. Paul is the son of Paul Rowley and Nancy Pollock.

Four other students were awarded \$3,500 scholarships to attend colleges of their

choice. The winners came from four regions of the nation and included:

NIADA Region 1 Drew Frayre attended the Cape Cod Academy in Osterville, Massachusetts and has applied to several regional universities include Brandeis, University of Massachusetts and College of the Holy Cross. He hopes to enter the automotive design field following graduation. He is the son of NIADA member Russell and Carla Frayre who own Auto Spirit, Inc. of East Wareham, Massachusetts.

NIADA Region 2 Tony Brian Price will start this fall at the University of Alabama – Birmingham where he was accepted into the school's Honors Program. He will seek a bachelor's degree in psychology and hopes to enter medical school following graduation. Tony is the son of Tony and Laretta Price, who own Price Auto Sales in Jasper, Alabama.

NIADA Region 3 Brooke Jean Hillman is currently a senior at Tri-Valley High School in Colton, South Dakota who will pursue pre-med at the University of South Dakota this fall. She hopes to become a pediatrician at some time in the future. Brooke will graduate first in her class of 66 with a 4.0 grade point average. Her parents Bruce and Helen Hillman are part owners of the Wholesale Automotive Center in Tea, South Dakota.

NIADA Region 4 Sarah Cha of Los Angeles attends Venice High School and has applied at several California universities. Her plans include medical school and she hopes to become a doctor to aid people in third world countries in the future. She is the daughter of Brian and Angela Cha of Los Angeles.

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During the same evening ceremonies, the Association Executives Council named Adam Jones of Utah as its Executive of the Year. Jones is co-executive director of the state organization.



Recipients of the award are honored for their outstanding service to their state associations and are selected by their peer group, according to Jim Robinson, current chair of the AEC.

Jones has upgraded his association's newsletter and is developing in into a full color magazine published in-house and has created new continuing education programs for his members. He established a website for his association and updated his group's policies and procedures to maintain compliance.

"Fellow staff members see him as an executive dedicated to the association and its members as he possesses a unique way of looking at the big picture," Robinson said.

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Also in Orlando, this week, Charles Teel of Savannah, Georgia took over the NIADA reins from Tim Swift of Cory, Pennsylvania who becomes chairman of the board. Teel joined both NIADA and the Georgia IADA in 1990 and served as state president in 2003-2004 before becoming NIADA's secretary in 2005.

Other new NIADA officers included President-Elect Anthony Underwood of Alabama, Treasurer Chris Martin of North Carolina, Secretary Billy Threadgill of South Carolina, Senior Vice President Don Fincher of Texas, Region 1 Vice President Vickie Hoover-Price of Pennsylvania, Region 2 Vice President David Andrews of Tennessee, Region 3 Vice President Keith Hagler of Texas and Region 4 Vice President Geoff Smartt from Idaho.

About NIADA

The National Independent Automobile Dealers Association (NIADA) <http://www.niada.com/>, founded in 1946, has represented quality independent automobile dealers for more than 60 years. NIADA assist's its members in becoming more successful within the used motor vehicle industry. Through membership in NIADA, members join with more than 20,000 other professional automobile dealers who share the dream of financial prosperity for their business. NIADA is the industry's legislative representative protecting dealer and consumer interests. The association consistently brings forward valuable industry education and information along with services and benefits designed to prepare members for an ever-changing marketplace. As a consumer friendly association, automotive consumer information can be found on <http://www.autoconsumer.tv/>.
