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**THE ASSOCIATION OF MODIFIED ASPHALT PRODUCERS PRESENTS
FIRST DAVE JONES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Eric Coffman, a senior at The University of Akron, is the recipient of the \$1,000 prize

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 12, 2010... After formally establishing its David R. Jones IV Scholarship Fund last summer, the Association of Modified Asphalt Producers (AMAP) presented its first \$1,000 monetary award to University of Akron senior Eric Coffman on Feb. 2 during its annual conference in Savannah, Ga.

The organization awarded Coffman with its inaugural prize in recognition of his outstanding academic record and recent internship experience. Currently pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering with a specialization in polymers, Coffman has been interning at Akron, Ohio-based Momentum Technologies since last summer, where he has been assisting with the development of a surfactant-coated cellulose for the asphalt industry.

“We received applications from a pool of highly-qualified candidates, which made our selection process a very difficult one,” said Kevin Hardin, Chairman of AMAP’s Scholarship Committee. “But, in the end, Eric’s internship work and growing interest in polymers and asphalt technology really set him apart as the winner of our first scholarship award.”

The David R. Jones IV Scholarship Fund was founded by AMAP in memory of late asphalt industry leader Dave Jones IV, who served in a variety of capacities in the asphalt industry, including time at the University of Texas, where he was a key member of the Asphalt Research Team responsible for Performance Graded (PG) Asphalt Binder Specification. The scholarship fund is designed to provide a \$1,000 scholarship annually to college juniors and seniors majoring in a field of study related to asphalt technology.

“I was ecstatic when I found out I’d won,” said Coffman. “It’s an honor to have been chosen as AMAP’s first Dave Jones Scholarship winner. The money will help me complete school and put me one step closer to making an impact in the asphalt industry.”

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AMAP selects Dave Jones Scholarship winner

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AMAP will begin accepting applications for its 2010 David R. Jones IV Scholarship this March. Applications will be available via the AMAP website at www.modifiedasphalt.org by clicking on the scholarship fund icon on the home page. The scholarship is open to college juniors and seniors majoring in a field of study related to asphalt technology, such as chemical or civil engineering and chemistry. Special preference will be given to applications with experience in the overall field of asphalt technology. Interested applicants will be required to provide letters of recommendation, school transcripts and a 500-word essay highlighting their interest in asphalt technology. Complete details on application requirements are outlined on the application form.

“Dave Jones was an outstanding representative of the asphalt industry, and this scholarship is our way of honoring him and his many contributions,” said Bob Berkley, Executive Director of AMAP. “Dave’s memory will live on in our scholarship recipients, and we congratulate Eric Coffman for being our first award winner. The future of the asphalt industry depends on talented individuals like Eric, and we hope our scholarship goes a long way towards helping him achieve his career goals.”

The David R. Jones IV Scholarship program is funded by contributions from AMAP and outside donations. Those wishing to help build the fund are encouraged to send a check made out to the **David R. Jones Scholarship Fund**, and mail it to AMAP, P.O. Box 270006, St. Louis, MO 63127. All contributions will go directly to the fund for use by students, with no administrative fees deducted from the donations. As the fund continues to grow through donations, AMAP plans to increase the monetary award amount annually.

For more information on the David R. Jones IV Scholarship Fund, contact Kevin Hardin via e-mail at amapscholarship@marianiasphalt.com.

Founded in 1997, AMAP is a national association of 40 companies dedicated to informing owners, contractors and specifying agencies about the performance and economic benefits of modified asphalt binders for bituminous pavements. The association serves as a consolidated voice on issues pertaining to modified asphalt, encourages the use of higher performing binders, evaluates and communicates advancements in modified asphalt technology and promotes the standardization of asphalt binder testing procedures.

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