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## **A. O. SMITH MAKES SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE**

### *Awards 2008 Annual Professional Contractor Association Scholarships*

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. – (August 12, 2008) - A. O. Smith Water Products Company today announced the recipients of the 2008 A. O. Smith Professional Contractor Association (PCA) Scholarship Program. The 10 finalists were selected from more than 100 applicants nationwide, and each recipient received \$2,000 to apply toward higher education pursuits.

“A. O. Smith considers it an honor to provide assistance to these worthy recipients in their academic endeavors,” said Mike Parker, vice president of marketing at A. O. Smith Water Products Company. “At any level, it is great to have hard work recognized, and we are proud to encourage these students to continue striving toward achieving their dreams.”

The 10 scholarship recipients are:

- **Abby M. Jensen** of Monticello, Iowa, a chemical engineering major at Iowa State University.
- **Bradley S. Kuhns** of Mason, Ill., a pharmacy major at Butler University
- **Eric L. Martin** of Salem, Ill., a biology major at Southeast Missouri State University
- **Erin E. Mazzeo** of Melbourne, Fla., a communications major at Flagler College
- **Shannon E. McGoldrick** of Stamford, Conn., an architecture major at the University of Notre Dame

- **Megan L. McKee** of Bowling Green, Ky., a nursing student at Western Kentucky University
- **Jay W. McMillan** of Coldwater, Mich., a pre-medicine major at Kalamazoo College
- **Evan T. Pauken** of Mount Pleasant, Mich., a music education major at Central Michigan University
- **Sarah A. Rinehart** of Marshalltown, Iowa, a biomedical engineering major at the University of Iowa
- **Bailey Wilson** of Caldwell, Idaho, a criminal justice studies major at the University of Idaho

The scholarship program is open to high school seniors, high school graduates, and GED recipients or students currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Any spouse, child or grandchild of a PCA member with a desire to continue their education may compete for a scholarship award.

In June 1999, A. O. Smith founded the Professional Contractor Association to help contractors succeed in an increasingly competitive marketplace. In addition to the scholarship program, the PCA offers its members valuable business training and services to enhance their professional image and expand their business into new commercial water heater markets. For more information, visit [www.aospca.com](http://www.aospca.com).

#### **About A. O. Smith:**

Headquartered in Ashland City, Tenn., A. O. Smith Water Products Company is a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and hydronic boilers. A. O. Smith offers contractors an additional competitive advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and field supports the world's broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 70 years of research and innovation. For more information, visit [www.hotwater.com](http://www.hotwater.com).

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