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**BHMA ANNOUNCES HARDWARE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

*Brownell Scholarship Covers Tuition for a DHI Education Program*

**New York, NY** – Michael Jeske has been awarded a professional scholarship by the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association to further his education in architectural hardware in 2009.

The annual Brownell Scholarship, sponsored by BHMA and the DHI Foundation for the Advancement of Life, Safety and Security, provides \$2,000 in tuition and associated costs to attend a DHI Technical School of the recipient's choice.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have been employed by a contract hardware distributor for six months and been actively working a minimum of 25 hours per week. Jeske was named the recipient of the scholarship after all applications were reviewed by the DHI awards committee — with all names and companies removed for an unbiased review.

“BHMA is committed to providing education about builders hardware to industry professionals,” said BHMA Executive Director Ralph Vasami. “We hope this scholarship can help Michael continue to build on his expertise and lead him towards future advancements in his career.”

Jeske is currently employed by Colorado Doorways, Inc. in Denver, CO, as a project manager where he oversees several projects from the start to distribution. The company provides doors, frames, hardware, fabrication and specialty products and services for commercial and institutional building projects.

He has been in the industry for 17 years and is an active member of his Rocky Mountain DHI chapter, where he serves as treasurer.

Jeske said he has not decided which classes he'd like to take with the scholarship, but will make that decision when he finds out what classes are being offered in his local chapter first. Jeske said he is interested in taking a course on architectural specification writing.

“The Brownell Scholarship is a wonderful program that gives folks an opportunity to further their education,” Jeske said. “In this business, it's a necessity to provide accurate and professional information to the customer. I'm just excited to be part of it.”

The BHMA/DHI scholarship is awarded in memory of Adon H. Brownell, DAHC, a highly respected hardware consultant, educator and author who served the building industry with distinction for more than 50 years.

A total of 10 scholarships were given out this year.

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#### **About BHMA**

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the “BHMA Certified” mark — ensuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at <http://buildershardware.com/>