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BHMA Announces 2011 Adon H. Brownell Scholarship Winner
Hard work and dedication get rewarded in the builders hardware industry

New York, NY – Mary Hinton has been awarded a scholarship by the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) to help further her professional education in obtaining certification in architectural hardware.

The Adon H. Brownell Scholarship is sponsored by BHMA and the Door Hardware Institute (DHI) Door Security and Safety Foundation. As a recipient of the annual award, Hinton will receive \$2,000 to apply towards her tuition and associated costs to attend a DHI Technical School of her choice.

“Winning this scholarship is a true blessing,” Hinton said. “I’m excited that I will be able to continue my education this year and move one step closer to my goals. I’m thankful that BHMA offers the Brownell Scholarship each year and is able to help so many people in their quest for higher knowledge.”

Currently, Hinton is employed in Mulhaupt’s Inc.’s, Lafayette, IN, offices, detailing projects and writing specifications, as well as assisting with project management. She also makes presentations for local architects and contractors to help improve upon their knowledge of the industry. Hinton plans on using the scholarship to take the AHC207, Advanced Detailing course, which is one of the few remaining courses she has to complete before she can take the AHC exam.

“This scholarship program is a great way to properly acknowledge all the hard work that is required to obtain certifications and advance within the industry,” said BHMA executive director, Ralph Vasami. “We’re glad we can help Mary earn her Architectural Hardware Consultant (AHC) credentials, and wish her the best in the future.”

Hinton was introduced to the builders hardware industry in 2003, when she was hired by Mulhaupt’s as an assistant project manager. In 2004, she became a Door & Hardware apprentice with DHI. Through hard work and internal training at Mulhaupt’s, Hinton became a full project manager and continued to take advantage of every educational opportunity that she was presented with.

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. 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.

About BHMA

The Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA) 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 — insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard. For more information on BHMA, please write to BHMA, 355 Lexington Avenue, Suite 15th Floor, New York, NY, 10017 or visit the Web site at www.buildershardware.com.

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