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### **DME Announces Winners of 2010 Student Scholarships**

**Madison Heights, Mich.** – DME Company, a leading manufacturer of mold technologies, recently announced the three winners of its 2010 student scholarships.

Each year, DME offers this scholarship program to help finance, encourage and support the future of qualified students who have interest and potential in moldmaking, plastics and related career fields.

This year, three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to the following students:

- Jason McNulty: University of Wisconsin – Stout
- Kevin Backoefer: Penn State Erie, the Behrend College
- Amanda Zapatka: University of Massachusetts – Lowell

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in a plastics program at any accredited trade school or university with a 2-year certificate, 2-year associate or 4-year bachelor's degree program. Applicants who were enrolled in related coursework were also considered if they demonstrated a strong academic emphasis and interest in plastics.

Along with an application, students were required to submit a transcript, personal statement and recommendations for review. DME's selection committee considered a variety of factors including academic achievement, interest in the field and personal qualities to determine the winners.

DME and other major manufacturers have noticed a trend that students are shying away from manufacturing disciplines. With an aging population of skilled workers, the plastics industry is facing a major human resources challenge.

The scholarship program is just one of the ways DME is taking action to attract new minds to the industry.

The company also offers grants and scholarships to its customers for continuing education - an extension of the popular DME Plastics University on [www.dme.net](http://www.dme.net) that was created to aid new plastics industry students and professionals.

DME scholarship applications for the spring 2011 semester are available online at [www.dme.net/dme/resources/education.html](http://www.dme.net/dme/resources/education.html) and will be accepted until December 1, 2010.

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#### **About DME**

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