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ASRW 2008 Awards Breakfast Recognizes Industry Leaders

Las Vegas, NV— A variety of notable industry awards were presented an awards breakfast held during Automotive Service & Repair Week (ASRW) during an exclusive awards breakfast Friday morning, November 7 the South Pacific C Ballroom at Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

Additionally, the prestigious *BodyShop Business Magazine* Collision Repair Executive of the Year Award was presented to Michael Giarrizzo, president and CEO of DCR Systems in Mentor, Oh, during the Friday General Session.

Award recipients included:

- **AESWave.com “Building a Learning Culture” Technician Scholarship**
Shane Portnoff, Aliso Viejo Auto Service -- Aliso Viejo, CA
- **ASA Chairman’s Club Award (Top Volunteer Recruiter)**
Danny Hernandez, Hernandez Collision Center -- Savannah, GA
- **ASA Collision Technician of the Year**
Michael Loy, Mike Loy’s Collision, Inc. -- Lewisburg, OH
- **ASA Emil Stanley Merit Award Winner**
Joe Sanfillipo III, USA Collision Centers -- Harrison, OH
- **ASA Mechanical Technician of the Year**
Mark Wagenblast, Mark’s Automotive, Inc. -- Bend, OR
- **AVI Education Scholarship**
Isaiah Craig, Performance West -- Santa Rosa, CA
- **AVI Education Scholarship**
Diane Larson, John Larson’s Service, Inc. -- Peabody, MA
- **AVI Education Scholarship**
Thomas Piippo, Tri County Motors -- Rudyard, MI
- **BodyShop Business Magazine Scholarship**
David Solmes, Dewey’s Auto Body, Inc. -- Hastings, MI
- **Richard Cossette/Gale Westerlund Memorial Scholarship**
Vanessa Hayes, Saturn of Tucson -- Tucson, AZ
- **Russ Verona Memorial IBIS Scholarship**
Jerry Burns, Automotive Impressions Inc. -- Rio Rancho, NM
- **Tom B. Babcox Memorial Scholarship**
Curtis Evans, Evans Automotive Service Center, Inc. -- Pensacola, FL
- **William R. Jones Memorial Scholarship**
Kathryn van der Pol, Adolf Hoepfl & Son’s Garage -- Houston, TX

- **SkillsUSA Collision Repair Winners**
Secondary Division School – Sentinel Career Center --Tiffin, OH
Student – **Timothy Bouillon**
Instructor – **Carl Rusch**
Post-Secondary Division School – Washtenaw Community College -- Ann Arbor, MI
Student – **Phillip Davie**
Instructor – **Scott Malnar**
- **Women’s Industry Network Scholarship**
Rachel Fonseca -- New Bedford, MA
- **Zurich “High Octane” Scholarship**
Chelsea Lipetzky , Werner’s Mastertek Auto Repair -- Aurora, CO

Both NACE and CARS, the 2008 ASRW co-located events were held November 5-8, at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. The educational Conference took place November 5-8 (Wednesday-Saturday), and the Exposition ran from November 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday).

ASRW 2009, featuring NACE and CARS as co-located events, will again take place at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center from November 4-7, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. The educational Conference will run Nov. 4-7 (Wednesday-Saturday), and the Exposition will be open Nov. 5-7 (Thursday-Saturday). ASRW events also take place during the Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week (AAIW), taking place that same week in Las Vegas.

NACE -- the world’s collision repair event – annually attracts collision repair industry professionals from around the globe and features a comprehensive educational Conference and Exposition of leading manufacturers and companies representing the latest in collision repair equipment, products, services and technologies. To exhibit at NACE 2009, call toll-free 888.529.1641 (ext. 6316) or 972.536.6316. For more NACE information, visit the NACE website at www.NACEexpo.com.

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