

## FutureFuel CEO receives award

WASHINGTON DC — The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans has announced that Lee E. Mikles, cofounder, president and chief executive officer of FutureFuel Chemical Company, will be presented with the 2008 Horatio Alger Award and inducted as a lifetime member of the association during ceremonies in Washington, DC, April 3-5.

The association has also announced that two student scholars from Arkansas will join Mikles in Washington to be honored as Horatio Alger National Scholars. Horatio Alger National Scholars will receive \$20,000 scholarships toward a college education.

This year's scholarship recipients from Arkansas are Tralane R. Funches and Kelvin B. Parker, both from Little Rock.

"Our 2008 members are a diverse group of individuals who serve as extraordinary role models for our nation's most ambitious youth. Each of them has leveraged hard work, courage and determination to overcome extreme adversity and achieve the American Dream of achievement and success," said Horatio Alger association chairman Dennis R. Washington.

Mikles was a first vice president with Drexel Burnham

Lambert, Inc. from 1981 to 1989. While there, he formed KCM Equities and became a co-general partner of several joint ventures with the parent company, DBL Group, Inc.

In 1992, he was a founding partner of Mikles/Miller Management, Inc., a registered investment advisor, and Mikles/Miller Securities, LLC, a broker/dealer firm.

In 2005 he cofounded and became president and CEO of FutureFuel Corporation, one of the leading producers of biofuels in the United States.

Mikles and his wife, Lori, established the Make It Possible Foundation in 2001, which supports college scholarships for students that have faced adversity. The couple also supports Habitat for Humanity and Autism Speaks, as well as establishing scholarships at Bishop Garcia Diego High School and endowing the Mikles Gallery at the Laguna Blanca School.

"I am grateful to become a part of the Horatio Alger Association," Mikles said. "Its existence proves that the American dream is alive and well. The opportunity to excel is only restricted by your own imagination and desire to succeed. It is not important where you are, only the direction in which you are headed."