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Hieb, Ulberg awarded Alger scholarships

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans has announced that two local students are among 25 in North Dakota receiving scholarships.

Each scholar will receive \$5,000, made possible by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation to fund his/her college education. The state honorees were selected for the Horatio Alger State Scholarship Program because they have put academics first while facing and overcoming great obstacles in their lives.

The State Scholarship programs, ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,500, are sponsored by Horatio Alger Members and friends of the association.

The Horatio Alger scholars receive many benefits beyond a one-time recognition. Scholars receive:

* Financial aid guidance to assist in selection of and preparation for college.

* Access to the Association's Web site where students can create online profiles, search for fellow scholars, update their personal information, submit disbursement requests and direct questions to the Association.

* A toll-free information line to speak to program coordinators for assistance with questions about their scholarships and other educational programs.

Each scholar is encouraged to remain connected with the association throughout their lifetime.

The association's goal is to create scholarships in all 50 states, and currently there are programs in 29 states.

The 2008 North Dakota scholarship recipients include:

* Jenny Hieb of Medina, Medina Public School

* Sonia Lyn Ulberg of Jamestown, Jamestown High School

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans continues to fulfill its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals in society who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education.

For more information, visit www.horatioalger.org.