



EDEN PRAIRIE -- Starkey Laboratories, Inc. CEO William F. Austin is being honored by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. He 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, 2008.

“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 wealth and success,” said Horatio Alger Association Chairman Dennis R. Washington. Austin has dedicated most of his life to the pursuit of helping young people all over the world. In response to receiving the Horatio Alger Award Austin stated, “It’s important for us to help children because they’re the future of the world – and if we neglect them, we won’t have a good future. We truly live through what we give – we live on into the future through our gifts back into our community and to humanity.”