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AMI Announces 2008 AVI Education Scholarship Recipients

Bedford, Texas, Oct. 8, 2008 — The Automotive Management Institute (AMI), in conjunction with Automotive Video, Inc. (AVI), recently announced Isaiah Craig, Diane Larson and Thomas Piippo as the recipients of the “AVI Education Scholarship.” The scholarship recognizes automotive service professionals who have a strong desire to improve their management and technical skills. Each recipient receives \$1,000 to be applied toward expenses to attend AMI seminars offered during the Congress of Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) in Las Vegas, Nov. 5-8.

Craig, owner of Performance West, Inc., Santa Rosa, Calif., has worked in the automotive service industry for seven years and has been a shop owner for the last three. He is currently working on completing the necessary requirements to earn the Institute’s Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation. Craig is a member of the Automotive Service Association (ASA) Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR). When not working in the shop, he contributes his time to various community organizations.

“I’m honored and grateful to receive this scholarship. It offers me a great opportunity to attend this premier event and I look forward to attending the seminars and exhibits,” said Craig.

Larson, owner and manager for John Larson’s Service, Inc., Peabody, Mass., has worked in the automotive service industry for 18 years. She is an ASE Certified Service Consultant and is currently working on completing the necessary requirements to earn the Institute’s AAM designation. Larson is a member of ASA, Automotive Service Providers (ASP) and the International Automotive Technicians’ Network (iATN). When not working in the shop, she contributes her time to various community organizations.

“I’m honored to receive this award and have the opportunity to continue my education and share that knowledge with my employees. I strongly believe that continuing education is essential in our industry,” said Larson.

Piippo, owner of Tri-County Motors, Rudyard, Mich., has worked in the automotive service industry for more than 35 years and has been a shop owner for the last 30. He currently holds several ASE certifications including, ASE Certified Master Tech and Service Consultant and is working on completing the necessary requirements to earn the Institute’s Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation. Piippo was named ASA/ASE Mechanical Technician of the Year in 2005, Snap-on/ASE Technician of the Year in 2000 and Auto Value “Technician Top Gun” competition winner in 2004, 2006 and 2008. When not working in the shop, he contributes his time to various community and industry organizations.

“I’m honored to receive this scholarship. It offers me the opportunity to further my technical training and management education by attending Automotive Service and Repair Week (ASRW) and learn from some of the world’s best,” said Piippo.

AMI was established to answer the demand for continuing education tailored specifically for the business needs of the automotive service industry. The Institute offers the Accredited Automotive Manager (AAM) designation, the first business management accreditation exclusively for the automotive service professional. To date, AMI programs have attracted more than 168,000 enrollments throughout North America. AMI is a not-for-profit educational foundation to which tax-deductible contributions can be made. For more information about the Institute, its curriculum, or EXCEL, please contact AMI at (800) 272-7467, ext. 241, or visit the AMI Web site at <http://www.amionline.org>.

Located in Ft. Myers, Fla., AVI has been a leader in automotive diagnostic and repair training programs for automotive repair professionals since 1994. To learn more, please visit www.auto-video.com.

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