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Attention: ABPA Convention Banquet Attendees

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Subject: BPMA / ABPA Scholarship Award
Scholarship Competition

The Backflow Prevention Manufacturer's Association (BPMA) is a not-for-profit association of firms engaged in the manufacturing of equipment for the backflow prevention industry. Many of us are represented in exhibit booths in the exhibit hall across the entrance foyer.

Included in our goals are:

- 1. To provide various educational tools and industry knowledge to the backflow prevention community and public users, thus promoting the effective use of our products in protecting the public health.**
- 2. To sponsor joint initiatives with the American Backflow Prevention Association.**

In 2001 our Association lost two individuals from the manufacturing community to separate, premature deaths - Paul Harrington from HOT BOX® and Tony Arthur from Watts Regulator. These two gentlemen were similar in several ways - positive similarities, including their styles, their business approach and their friendly personalities. The BPMA decided to honor these two gentlemen by creating the Harrington/Arthur Memorial Scholarship.

After last year in Detroit, the BPMA and ABPA decided to join forces and co-sponsor the scholarship competition. The scholarship's intent is to promote public education on cross connection control and public safety through clean water preservation.

This year's competition ran from its initial announcement in September of 2003 through the application deadline of January 31, 2004. This year's question was two-part: "How does your water utility address backflow prevention?" and "Is this approach adequate?" Applications were received from eight (8) different states and included several, well-researched entries.

We would like to thank the scholarship committee, consisting of Pat Robinson, Long Beach Water, Jim McCoy, Tokay Software, Ruth E. Pluchinsky, Charlotte/Mecklenburg Water and myself, Mike Devine of HOT BOX®. We would also like to thank the Southern California Chapter of the ABPA for their local promotion and support. Additionally, we would like to challenge all ABPA Chapters and Regional Directors to support and publicize this year's competition, which will be announced in September.

This year's winner faced stiff competition, but rose to the top of the pile. She comes from right here in SO California, just South of Long Beach in Irvine. The winner is here tonight, along with her parents and her two brothers. Please join me in welcoming Dewi Harjanto from Northwood High School to the stage.

Ruth E.: Dewi, the BPMA and ABPA thank you for your application to our scholarship competition and wish to congratulate you as our 2004 Harrington/Arthur Scholarship winner!