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2017 PCI/Axalta Scholarship Recipient Announced

Scholarship Advances Powder Coating Technologies and Nurtures Future Industry Growth

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, in partnership with the Powder Coating Institute (PCI), is excited to announce Theodore Hammer as the winner of the 2017 PCI/Axalta Scholarship. Offered to college students pursuing degrees related to powder coating technologies, the scholarship fosters growth and innovation in the industry by identifying recipients who demonstrate exceptional academic performance and leadership potential.

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Theodore Hammer, 2017 PCI/Axalta Scholarship Winner receives award from Michael K. Bollan, Axalta Business Director, Powder Coatings-Americas. (Photo: Axalta)

his graduate research on ultra violet-curable powder coatings.

As the 2017 scholarship recipient, Hammer will receive \$5,000 towards his graduate degree in Polymer Science from the University of Akron. His academic record, passion for the industry, and dedication to research, cemented Hammer as the top choice for the award. Currently, Hammer assists with several industry projects, working on the synthesis of unsaturated polyester resins and is focusing

“PCI is very proud to partner with our member, Axalta Coating Systems, to offer this scholarship,” said Trena Benson, PCI Executive Director. “As the premier industry association, whose mission is the promotion of powder coating technology, these PCI scholarships represent a great opportunity to support the goals of students, like Theodore, who have interest in our industry and can help us to advance our technology.”

“It’s important that we invest in students because they will be influential in the industry in the years to come,” said Michael K. Bollan, Axalta Business Director, Powder Coatings-Americas. “At Axalta, we are committed to identifying and equipping future leaders with the tools they need to succeed. The PCI/Axalta Scholarship is just one of several ways that Axalta supports science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education initiatives worldwide.”

To learn more about Axalta’s powder coatings, visit www.axalta.us/powder.

About Axalta Coating Systems

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