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## **2011 Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Awarded to Adam McFarlane**

June 20, 2011 – Waterloo, Iowa – The 2011 Dale Yasukawa Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Adam McFarlane, a member of the Northwestern University Blended Learning Program Class 11 and an orthotic resident with Clark & Associates of Waterloo, Iowa. The scholarship which is maintained and awarded by OPAF & The First Clinics was increased this year to \$1000.00 with the intent that the winner will use the funds to either attend their local American Academy for Orthotists and Prosthetists meeting or a national meeting within O & P to increase their knowledge within the field or assist with schooling expenses.

“I am pleased and honored to accept this award from OPAF in memory of Dale Yasukawa. Your work with individuals within the orthotic and prosthetic community is exemplary. I look forward to a long and rewarding journey in the field of orthotics and prosthetics, and in the short term, to the opportunities this award will present,” said McFarlane.

In November 2001, a memorial fund was established at OPAF in the name of Dale Yasukawa CP.

Yasukawa, who died on November 22, 2001 at the age of 43, served as director of prosthetics at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) in the department of prosthetic-orthotic clinical services. He began his work with RIC in 1988 as a physical therapy aid. In 1990, he joined the O&P clinical services department, and in 1991 Yasukawa attended the Northwestern University prosthetics certificate program. He became an ABC-certified prosthetist in 1993 and throughout his career worked with patients of all ages - children, young adults, and geriatrics. Yasukawa was involved in the Midwest Chapter of the American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists for over seven years, completing his service as immediate past president in 2001.

In cooperation with Linda Yasukawa, PT, MS, OPAF has created a scholarship program connected to Dale's memorial fund.

This scholarship program is currently open to all full-time certificate candidates enrolled in Northwestern University's Prosthetic Orthotic Center (NUPOC). The chief purpose of the scholarship is to encourage student participation in their local annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP). It is expected that the award will be used specifically to defray meeting registration fees of their local AAOP meeting and assist in the purchasing of books, supplies, and equipment needed for ongoing studies at NUPOC.

“We are very pleased with the selection of Adam McFarlane as the 2011 Dale Yasukawa Scholarship winner and believe that he will reflect the fine work that has come to be recognized as our scholarship winners,” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.