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Starkey Laboratories Awards 2008 Academic and Clinical Scholarships

***William F. Austin Scholarship and Outstanding Student Clinician Awards
Announced***

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 9, 2008 – Starkey Laboratories, Inc., one of the world’s leading hearing technology companies, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2008 William F. Austin Scholarship and the Outstanding Student Clinician Awards, which are awarded annually. The winners were chosen from among nearly 100 national applicants to receive academic scholarships of up to \$10,000.

“Starkey strives to recognize exemplary students in the audiology field and provide them with the opportunity to pursue their dreams,” said Sara Burdak, Director of Student Affairs. “It is truly wonderful to have the opportunity to help students achieve their goals. It is in our best interest to support great audiology students – they are the future of our industry.”

Starkey Laboratories is dedicated to professional advancement through education. Its William F. Austin Scholarship recognizes outstanding audiology graduate students pursuing clinical, teaching and research careers in audiology. This year’s scholarship recipients are Brian Vesely, Missouri State University; Jonathon Whitton, University of Louisville; Maureen D’Antuono, University of Maryland; Kelli Wright, University of Akron and Kelly Hoffard, University of Maryland.

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Starkey also provides 10 Outstanding Student Clinician scholarships to students pursuing careers in clinical audiology and private practice. This year's recipients are Amanda Bullard, University of Oklahoma; Christina Dambra, State University of New York at Buffalo; Kate Foenander, Lamar University; Leslie Herr, Arizona State University; Bria Johnson, University of Maryland; Douglas Steinberg, Rush University; Karin Woods, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Kirstin Luffler, University of Akron; Eileen Cremering, University of Cincinnati; Larissa Mann, Central Michigan University.

The William F. Austin and the Outstanding Student Clinician scholarships are awarded through Starkey University, a comprehensive educational outreach program that offers hearing care professionals and audiology students unique learning opportunities that focus on a variety of relevant, hands-on curricula. To learn more about Starkey University and the scholarship programs, visit www.starkeypro.com.

About Starkey Laboratories

Starkey Laboratories, Inc. is a privately held, global hearing technology company headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn. The company is recognized for its innovative design, development and distribution of comprehensive digital hearing systems. Founded in 1967, Starkey currently employs over 3,500 people, operates 18 international facilities and conducts business in over 100 markets worldwide. The Starkey Laboratories family of companies operates a number of divisions including Audibel, Micro-Tech, NU-Ear and Starkey. For more information, visit www.starkeypro.com.

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