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## **HFPA-FIT HOME PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

### *Students and Industry Leaders Honored at Awards Ceremony*

New York, NY (February 12, 2008) – The Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA) and the Fashion Institute of Technology joined forces today to announce the winners of the 2008 HFPA Marketing and Development Scholarship. The HFPA Foundation granted five \$1,000 and four \$500 scholarships to students enrolled in courses focused on home product development. The recipients attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City; they are: Jennifer Evans, Elyse Taormina, Laura Berardocco, Katherine Milam, Kelly O'Connell, Holly Perham, Gabriella Smith, Kelly Cielensk and Kathleen McPherson.

Industry leaders honored at the celebration were Arthur Tauber of Avanti Linens, Outstanding Achievement Award; Fred and Jim Richman of Richloom Fabrics, Lifetime Achievement Award; Neil Cole of Iconix Brand Group, Industry Leader of the Year Award.

After presenting the awards at a breakfast held at Cipriani 42nd Street, HFPA president, Barry Leonard, president and CEO of Ex-Cell Home Fashions and Glenoit LLC, said "Nothing is more important than supporting and training those who succeed us, and I am sure that some of those will be the F.I.T. students who we have awarded scholarships today and in years past."

Scholarship applicants are judged on their knowledge and interest in the home fashions industry; during the application process the students are asked to present details of internships or apprenticeships they have held and are encouraged to express their aspirations and goals. Submissions are judged by a panel of industry experts.

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About HFPA®—The Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA®) serves to advance the growth of the global home fashion Industry by setting standards for excellence through technical product compliance, advocacy, and awareness efforts. Since 1968, HFPA has been a leading association providing members information, advice, and action on regulations governing U.S. trade policies, and on key state and federal legislative issues. HFPA establishes uniform market dates, and promotes best practice for high product standards in its industry. Members include companies that manufacture, market, or supply for window, bedding, bath, table linens, kitchen textiles, floor and wall coverings, allied products, accessories and services. The HFPA Foundation supports students of home fashion surface design and marketing, and has awarded multiple annual scholarships since 1996. For further information, please contact HFPA headquarters on (212) 297-2122.