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Two Olathe students awarded local engineering company scholarship

Lenexa, Kan. – Olathe residents Andrew Bridges and Sean Kolich are the 2008-2009 recipients of the Henderson Engineers, Inc. Scholarship, a scholarship awarded to fourth and fifth year Kansas State University Architectural Engineering students. The Lenexa-based engineering firm founded the scholarship in 2007 to financially help students who are in good standing with the university and from Kansas or the Kansas City metropolitan area. Bridges is a 2010 master's candidate in architectural engineering. Kolich is a 2011 bachelor's candidate in architectural engineering; he is also an intern with Henderson this summer.

“K-State has been an integral part of the company’s success because we’ve hired a large number of their graduates,” said Duane Henderson, President and CEO. “Because of that we have always been very diligent when it comes to giving back to the university.” Henderson graduated from Kansas State University in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in architectural engineering. Twenty years ago, he took over his father’s three-person company that has grown to a national firm of 450 with six branch offices.

Henderson Engineers, Inc. (HEI) was founded in 1970 and provides mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design services through its headquarters in Kansas City, as well as Phoenix, Houston, Dallas, Tampa, Bentonville, and Las Vegas. HEI houses three specialty divisions: FireDynamics, Impact Illumination, and Henderson Technology Group and designs systems for various facilities including retail, restaurant, healthcare, educational, sports, corporate, government, hospitality, religious and industrial. Licensed in all 50 states, HEI is comprised of over 450 employees including over 100 Licensed Engineers and over 50 LEED® Accredited Professionals. HEI’s awards include PM Engineer Magazine’s Engineer of the Year and Building Design and Construction Magazine’s Top 25 Engineering Design Firm since 2001.

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