

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact

Robin Burton, Executive Director
OPAF & The First Clinics
319-235-4318 phone
319-235-4326 fax
rlb@opfund.org
www.opfund.org

Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Receives Donation from Ability

August 17, 2011- Waterloo, Iowa – The Dale Yasukawa Scholarship Fund, maintained by OPAF & The First Clinics received a five hundred dollar donation from Ability Prosthetics and Orthotics of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and their president, Jeff Brandt, CPO and COO. The Dale Yasukawa Scholarship is awarded annually to a Northwestern student pursuing orthotics and/or prosthetics as their career choice. The intent of the scholarship is to encourage those students to attend either their local or regional Academy chapter meeting or a national meeting to promote education and involvement in the field.

Dale Yasukawa, CP, had been both an RIC colleague and a mentor to Jeffrey Brandt. “I was a scholarship recipient while at Northwestern and knew and worked alongside Dale at RIC-Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. So when this scholarship in his name was started, I made the commitment to him and to the students that I would always fund it. It gives me great pleasure to give back” offered Brandt.

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. 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.

The 2011 recipient of the Dale Yasukawa Scholarship is Adam McFarlane who is currently an orthotic resident with Clark & Associates in Waterloo, Iowa.

###