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OPAF Awards 2009 Dale Yasukawa Memorial Scholarship

June 1, 2009 – Langhorne, Pennsylvania – OPAF is pleased to announce that Alex Trumper, CO of Forest Park, Illinois has been named the 2009 Dale Yasukawa Memorial Scholarship winner. Alex was selected from an excellent panel of applicants who are all currently enrolled in the Northwestern University Orthotics & Prosthetics Program. Alex will receive a check for \$500 to be used towards attending his local Academy chapter meeting and/or a national meeting. Funds may also be used to help offset schooling costs.

“It is a great honor to receive the OPAF Dale Yasukawa Memorial Fund Scholarship. I was fortunate to help out as an instructor with an OPAF First Swim™ Clinic in Chicago, which teaches adaptive swim techniques for those with physical challenges to give them more confidence in and around water,” said Trumper. Alex is on the staff of Scheck & Siress Orthotics & Prosthetics in Chicago and currently working to complete the 250 clinical hours necessary to receive his prosthetic certification. Alex has also volunteered with the non-profit organization, Range of Motion Project (ROMP) whose goal is to provide artificial limbs and orthotic braces to those that do not have access to these services. In December 2008, the American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists (AAOP) selected Trumper’s resident research study, “Effect of Foot Plate Length and Rocker Bottom Shoe on Heart Rate in Normal Subjects Using a Solid Ankle Foot Orthosis” to receive the designation of Best of Resident Research Series and is currently published on the Academy’s website.

“We are pleased to award this ongoing scholarship to Alex and know that he will work to continue the goals that Dale Yasukawa set forth for giving back to your community and a commitment to the O & P field. The OPAF Board of Directors believes in these goals and take them as part of our mission,” said OPAF Executive Director, Robin Burton.

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