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Vitro's Todd Takas Awarded for 2007 Sales Volume

Gunther Mirror Mastics has inaugurated a new award that it will present annually to the top Vitro representative with the most Gunther sales for the calendar year. This year **Todd Takas**, manager of Vitro's Nashville, Tenn., branch, received the 2007 sales volume award.

Takas and his crew were treated to a barbecue lunch during which Gun-



Gunther Mirror Mastics sales representative Dale Barham (right) presents Vitro branch manager, Todd Takas of the Nashville, Tenn., branch, with the sales volume award for 2007.

ther Mirror Mastics sales representative Dale Barham presented the award to Takas.

"The Gunther Mirror Mastics team thanks Vitro/ACI for its support and looks forward to working with them during 2008," says Sarah Harkleroad of Gunther.

McMaster Inducted into Inventors Hall of Fame

Among the recent inductees of the 2008 National Inventors Hall of Fame was **Harold Ashley McMaster**, who is credited with developing equipment for the process of tempering glass. McMaster was born in 1916 on a tenant farm in northwest Ohio. Inventive at an early age, he built a threshing machine by age ten and a car motor by 12. After earning two degrees in physics from Ohio State University, McMaster was hired as Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co.'s first research physicist. In 1948, he founded Permaglass Inc. where he commercialized glass tempering technology.

In all, McMaster founded four companies and held more than 100 patents in the fields of glass bending and tempering, solar energy and rotary engines. He passed away in August 2003.

PPG Researchers Honored with 2008 Carnegie Science Award



Drs. Thiel, Medwick and Wagner (from left) were named the winners in the Advanced Manufacturing category for the 2008 Carnegie Science Awards.

Drs. Paul Medwick, James Thiel and Andrew Wagner, senior research associates of PPG Industries in Pittsburgh, were named winners in the Advanced Manufacturing category for the 2008 Carnegie Science Awards. The awards recognize and promote science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania.

The researchers were recognized for their leadership and research oversight in the development of Solarban 70XL solar control low-E glass. They received a \$1,000 award to support PPG's ongoing development of energy-efficient glasses in a ceremony in May at the Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh.

In addition to honoring these employees, PPG recently hired several others. **Aziz Giga** has been named vice president of strategic planning and treasurer. **Kim Edvardsson**, former director of global treasury, has been appointed as assistant treasurer reporting to Giga.

Giga has been with PPG in a variety of roles since 1977. Edvardsson joined PPG in 2002.

promotions

YKK AP Promotes Turner and Baker



Mike Turner

Austell, Ga.-based YKK AP America's board of directors has named **Mike Turner** vice president of marketing.

Turner will manage the marketing department as well as all previous responsibilities previously under his watch, including engineering and technological resources. He has been with the company since 1992, and has represented the company within various trade associations, including the American Association of Architectural Manufacturers.



Ben Baker

Ben Baker has been named national transportation systems manager. His primary responsibility will be to implement logistics strategies. He has been employed with YKK AP for nine years, including seven years as logistics coordinator. Baker holds a master's degree in logistics management from Georgia College and State University. He also has completed several professional certifications including a Six Sigma Green Belt and Clemson University's Fundamentals of Traffic. He is currently working towards his certification in production - inventory management.

Technoform's Bart Hensley Achieves NFRC Simulation Certification



Bart Hensley

Bart Hensley, an applications engineer on Twinsburg, Ohio-based Technoform North America's I-Strut™ marketing team, recently received accreditation for completion of all requirements of the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) simulation certification examination requirements. He has been granted recognition for the use of Window 5 and Therm 5 as an NFRC-certified simulator for U-factor, solar heat gain coefficient, visible transmittance and condensation resistance.

Crystal President Honored by National Business Council

Crystal Window & Door Systems in Flushing, N.Y., has announced that its president and founder, **Thomas Chen**, was honored by the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) for his business achievements and dedication to minority business development. The council presented its annual Minority Business Leadership Awards in May. As an NMSDC Leadership Award winner, Chen was profiled in the May 5, 2008, *Fortune 500* Special Edition issue of *Fortune* magazine.

Crystal has expanded its manufacturing facilities several times since its start in 1990 and employs more than 350 people. The company has supported and encouraged the establishment of more than 20 "spin-off" business by other minority entrepreneurs.

"As a minority business owner, I believe I have a responsibility to set an example for other minority business owners," says Chen. "When people come to me for advice I tell them that anyone can achieve great things in America with hard work and determination and, most of all, a dream."

associations

AAMA Honors Valentin, Four Students



Rich Walker (left), AAMA president and chief executive officer, presents an award to Sigi Valentin.

At its summer meeting in June, the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) awarded four \$2,000 scholarships to children of employees at AAMA-member companies who plan technical careers, hopefully in an architectural manufacturing industry. Applicants were judged by an independent evaluation company against the criteria AAMA developed. Winners were:

- **Bethany Juedes**, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, whose father **Neil** works for Wausau Metals;
- **Taylor Hemmings**, who will be attending the University of Florida. His father, **Ivar**, is vice president of Glazing Consultants International in West Palm Beach, Fla.;
- **Felipe Londono**, an incoming freshman at Syracuse University. His father, **Sergio**, is a structural engineer at Thornton Tomasetti Group in Newark, N.J.; and
- **Christopher Semlke**, an incoming freshman at the University of Akron, whose father, **Michael**, is with GED of Twinsburg, Ohio.

In related news, **Sigi Valentin** has re-

tired as executive director of AAMA's Southeast Region.

Since he started as executive director of the region in July of 2002, Valentin has been an advocate of both AAMA national and regional member interests in the southeastern states. He built strong relationships with key staff and officials in the International Building Code and the Florida Building Commission, as well as state and local building and energy code organizations.

"Our members and staff alike wish Sigi nothing but the best as he has certainly earned and deserves the opportunity to spend more time with his wife Ingrid, son Volker and his grandchildren," says Rich Walker, AAMA president and chief executive officer.

WDMA Names New President, Management Company



John R. Stoiber

The Window & Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA) has named **John R. Stoiber** as its new president and SmithBucklin as its full-service management company, effective April 1. The association will relocate from its current

headquarters in Des Plaines, Ill., to SmithBucklin's offices in Chicago.

National Sunroom Association Elects Bouquot President

Patio Enclosures Inc.'s director of engineering **Tony Bouquot** has been elected to a one-year term as president of the National Sunroom Association (NSA).

"Since its inception in 1997, the NSA has grown to become the voice of the sunroom industry in the building code arena," says Bouquot. "My goal as president is to enhance that position by increasing our activity in the code development process." ■