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PNG 2012 YN Scholarship Competition Announced

(Temecula, California) -- The Professional Numismatists Guild (www.PNGdealers.com) will provide a scholarship to a deserving young numismatist (YN) to attend the 2012 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This is the eighth consecutive year of PNG YN scholarships for the popular, annual ANA educational programs.

"The scholarship will cover airfare, tuition for one of the two week-long Summer Seminar sessions in June or July, meals and six nights of dormitory accommodations on the campus of Colorado College, site of the ANA headquarters," said PNG Executive Director Robert Brueggeman.

"All young numismatists between the ages of 13 and 22 are eligible to enter and are cordially invited to apply for the scholarship. Entrants must submit a short essay outlining why they should be chosen as the 2012 scholarship recipient. The deadline for receipt of the entries is March 30, 2012," explained Brueggeman.

Entries must include the applicant's name and contact information. The essays can be sent by email to info@PNGdealers.com or by mail to the PNG Executive Director, 28441 Rancho California Road, Suite 106, Temecula, CA 92590.

"Coins are well known as history in your hands. Our youth are the future of our hobby. This scholarship gives a promising young collector the opportunity of a lifetime. We look forward to awarding this to an individual who appreciates the significance of the knowledge and experience that will be gained as winner of the 2012 PNG young numismatist scholarship," said Jeffrey Bernberg, PNG President.

The two separate 2012 ANA Summer Seminar week-long sessions will be held Saturday, June 23, to Friday June 29, and from Saturday, June 30, to Friday, July 6. Participants ranging from teenagers to senior citizens take 25 hours of class instruction on specific coin and paper money collecting topics or the hobby's technical and business aspects. Additional information about the Summer Seminar sessions can be found on the ANA website.

"We are thankful that the PNG recognizes the value of providing young collectors a chance to realize their full numismatic potential, and offering a scholarship to the ANA's Summer Seminar is a great start. We want to thank the PNG for generosity in providing this YN scholarship and for promoting the ANA's education programs," said Susan M. McMillan, ANA Education Project Manager.

The money to pay for the annual PNG YN Scholarship is administered from PNG's Gerald Bauman Memorial Fund. Bauman, who died in 2001, served for many years as a prominent coin dealer with Manfra, Tordella & Brookes in New York City.

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