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## Rachel Hlatky Awarded 2012 AAMA Scholarship

**Twinsburg, OH** – GED Integrated Solutions today announced that Rachel Hlatky, an upcoming freshman at the University of Pennsylvania, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA).

As a student at Magnificat High School, Rachel achieved First Honors for four years and had perfect attendance. As the captain of her high school track team she was no ordinary student-athlete. Her list of accomplishments include being named All-Ohio and Academic All-Ohio in 2010, 2011 and 2012, team MVP 08-09 and 09-10 and team captain 11-12. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, a volunteer through the ARRUIPE Summer Program/St. Ignatius High School, a tutor at St. Rocco's, a volunteer as a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister and Lector and was a Kairos Leader this year.

Rachel noted in her scholarship essay that she was interested in the building industry because it is "very dynamic with changing energy standards, conservation of energy and recycling of materials."

She attributes the support of her family as being key in her success. "I do believe I have natural ability, but I also have self-determination in which I'm able to focus and push myself to be the best that I can be," she said. "I also give a major amount of credit to my parents. They've been my own personal cheerleaders and they push me to give me that self-determination."

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, AAMA continues its commitment by awarding seven scholarships to children of employees of AAMA member companies. The award was announced at the 2012 AAMA National Summer Conference held June 10-13 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Scholarship Grants are made possible through AAMA member annual contributions and sponsorships.

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The AAMA Scholarship Program offers families of employees of AAMA member companies the opportunity to obtain financial aid for higher education in pursuit of a degree in an engineering or technical field relating to the building products industry. The scholarship is a one-time award. Applicants are judged on grade point average, college entrance exam scores and a 500-word essay. Eligible candidates must be high school seniors or college students, who are children of employees of AAMA member companies in good standing.

Rachel's father, Michael Hlatky, is an employee of GED Integrated Solutions in Twinsburg, Ohio.

### **About GED Integrated Solutions**

GED Integrated Solutions is a worldwide supplier of fully integrated insulating glass and vinyl window and door fabrication systems, as well as solar manufacturing equipment, and the pioneer of the revolutionary Intercept i-3 Warm Edge spacer frame production system. The company's i-3 platform works with LeanNet® communications software to integrate every facet of a plant's operation, increasing IG quality and production volumes and profits while decreasing operating costs and material wastage. GED's commitment to innovation that addresses its customers' needs is evidenced by the fact that 18 of the top 20 window and door manufacturers utilize GED's equipment and software solutions.

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