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PRESS RELEASE

Horatio Alger Association Honors New Bremen Executive James F. Dicke II and Three National Scholarship Recipients from Ohio

James F. Dicke II and the Scholars are recognized by the Association for their remarkable achievements in the face of adversity and their commitment to higher education

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 9, 2015) – Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, will induct Ohio resident **James F. Dicke II, chairman and CEO of Crown Equipment Corporation**, as a lifetime Member in April. Concurrently, three outstanding Ohio students will be awarded the prestigious Horatio Alger National Scholarship. Association Members and Scholars are selected based on their integrity and determination to succeed in the face of significant adversity, and Members often become mentors to this future generation of leaders.

Named for renowned author Horatio Alger Jr., who wrote about the merits of honesty, courage and perseverance as the means to success, Horatio Alger Association was established in 1947 to uphold these tenets, which are core to achieving the American Dream. To further its mission, individuals who have achieved great success despite facing significant personal challenges and who demonstrate initiative, resilience and excellence, such as Mr. Dicke, are inducted into the Association annually as lifetime Members.

“Horatio Alger Association is very proud to induct Mr. Dicke as a lifetime Member, not only because of his professional success, but because of his strength of character, philanthropic contributions and commitment to education,” said David Sokol, chairman of Horatio Alger Association. “Despite enduring abuse from bullies at a young age, Mr. Dicke persevered, took the challenge as a learning experience and forged a path to success. His values reflect the Association’s mission and he will serve as an inspiration to future Scholars.”

Since 1984, Horatio Alger Association has administered one of the nation’s largest privately funded, need-based scholarship programs, which provides educational assistance to at-risk youth with an admirable commitment to continuing their education and serving their communities. The Association has provided more than \$100 million in undergraduate, graduate and specialized scholarships since 1984. The following students from Ohio have been recognized for their exceptional accomplishments with the 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholarship in the amount of \$22,000:

- Ahustin Crawford, DePaul Cristo Rey High School, Cincinnati, OH

- Nathan Musick, Berea-Midpark High School, Brook Park, OH
- Hunter Thomas, Liberty High School, Youngstown, OH

“Each year we are proud to recognize students who possess outstanding leadership skills, a commitment to academics and a desire to make a difference in their communities,” said Tony Novelly, president and CEO, Horatio Alger Association. “The 2015 National Scholars, including the three recipients from Ohio, exceed our expectations. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for them as they pursue their own version of the American Dream.”

Mr. Dicke and his fellow new Members will be formally inducted into the Association at the 68th Horatio Alger Award Induction Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. on April 9-11, 2015. The annual three-day event honors the achievements of the Members and also recognizes the 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholars, affording both groups the opportunity to meet and interact, exchanging stories of hardships, triumphs and successes.

To view the complete list of Horatio Alger Members selected for the Class of 2015, please visit [here](#).

To view the complete list of 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholarship recipients, please visit [here](#).

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About Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans:

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. fulfills its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. Horatio Alger Association supports students through annual undergraduate and graduate need-based scholarships and mentoring programs across the United States and Canada. Since 1984, the Association has awarded more than \$100 million in college scholarships to deserving young people. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.