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## **New Awards Honor Industry's Brightest Young Minds**

Bethesda, MD (May 30, 2007) – The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) and the Adhesion Society are proud to announce the advent of the Outstanding Young Investigator Awards. These awards are intended to honor and recognize young adhesion scientists for their innovations in and contributions to adhesion science. Submissions are currently being accepted through June 30, 2007.

The awards consist of the Outstanding Young Adhesion Scientist Award, which recognizes young scientists or engineers for outstanding and fundamental research in adhesion science, and the Outstanding Young Adhesion Technologist Award, which recognizes young engineers or designers for outstanding work in the innovative application and/or use of an adhesive or sealant.

Both awards are presented in the form of a plaque and carry a cash prize of \$1000. “Both ASC and the Adhesion Society understand the value of the next generation of adhesion scientists,” states Joe Stevenson, who chairs the ASC Next Generation Committee. “We are always looking for ways to spotlight individuals who will one day take the reigns of the industry.”

The June 30 deadline is fast approaching and anyone interested in making a nomination is urged to do so as soon as possible. “This is truly a unique opportunity to recognize a young professional, who has demonstrated through hard work and dedication that the next generation has a lot to offer.” Stevenson stated.

For detailed information on the award requirements or to submit a nomination, please visit [www.ascouncil.org/news/newsroom/](http://www.ascouncil.org/news/newsroom/).

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The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) is a North American trade association dedicated to representing the adhesive and sealant industry. Incorporated in 1958, ASC is bound by the collective efforts of its members, and strives to improve the industry operating environment and strengthen its member companies. Today, ASC members account for more than 75% of the aggregate industry revenues, exceeding some \$6 billion annually. The Council is comprised of 125 adhesives and sealants manufacturers, raw material and equipment suppliers, and industry consultants. For more information about ASC, visit [www.ascouncil.org](http://www.ascouncil.org).

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