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From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Adam Frantz of Belltown Brewing (Seattle, WA) has been named recipient of the 2018 American Brewers Guild scholarship. Adam will be attending ABG's Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course that runs from January to June 2018. The Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course is a 22-week distance education program with a final week of residential instruction in Middlebury, VT. The course covers all the fundamentals of beer production and quality assurance with a special emphasis on practical issues.

Adam Frantz is currently Head Brewer at Belltown Brewing. Adam began as a home brewer ten years ago, picking up many accolades along the way. He translated that talent and passion into a career about five years ago working his way up through a myriad of positions to a full-time production brewer at Mac& Jack's, then Head Brewer for American Brewing Company, before being tapped at the beginning of this year to help start up Belltown Brewing in downtown Seattle. About Adam, a Selection Committee highlighted his "innate ability to marry the art and science of brewing," citing his "steadfast dedication and continual drive towards innovation built upon a biology science background." In the brewhouse, Adam does much to mentor other brewers, "empowering them to explore their own creative instincts in a disciplined yet positive, encouraging way." What also impressed the Selection Committee was Adam's "desire to engage and educate with customers and his broader community and collaborate with fellow brewers." "In all respects, Adam stands to benefit greatly from the ABG course as this is really the missing piece in the puzzle for a bigger brewing career, and everyone will benefit from all that he learns and shares."

The American Brewers Guild is a premier school for the craft brewing industry dedicated to providing a comprehensive learning experience that focuses on the technical, scientific, and operational matters and issues that brewers face in a craft brewing environment. Adam Frantz is the tenth Falconer Foundation recipient to the ABG. This year marks the ninth year of collaboration between the Falconer Foundation and the American Brewers Guild. We offer our deepest gratitude to ABG for its long-standing and continuing support for the Foundation's brewing education scholarship program.

Join us in thanking the Selection Committee of Paul Bergman, Head Brewer and Owner of Wild Ride Brewing, Rodger Davis, Owner and Brewer of Faction Brewing, Alan Moen, Senior Writer and Columnist for American Brewer Magazine, Steve Parkes, Owner and Lead Instructor of American Brewers Guild, and Alan Sprints, Top Dog at Hair of the Dog Brewery and Tasting Room, who were given the difficult decision of selecting a single recipient from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates.

The Falconer Foundation has granted 37 scholarships since 2004 and is dedicated to promoting knowledge and expertise in the craft brewing industry in memory and honor of Glen Hay Falconer. For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, visit www.glenfalconerfoundation.org and follow us on Facebook.

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