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## **Siebel Scholars Foundation Announces 2007 Award Recipients**

*Top Students from Nation's Leading Universities Honored*

**PALO ALTO, Calif.—November 28, 2006—**The Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation today announced the recipients of the annual Siebel Scholars scholarship awards. The Siebel Scholars program recognizes outstanding graduate students from the world's most prestigious business and computer science schools. Based on academic merit and leadership excellence, as many as five graduate students from each institution were honored as Class of 2007 Siebel Scholars and received a \$25,000 cash grant to defray tuition costs and expenses.

“The Siebel Scholars program is investing in the innovators and thought leaders of tomorrow,” said Tom Siebel, chairman of the Siebel Foundation. “Siebel Scholars are the brightest students in the fields of computer science and business who will influence the global policy and economic decisions that shape our future.”

Siebel Scholars strives to promote excellence and create an active community among both current Scholars and alumni. Today, nearly 400 Scholars share their energy, knowledge and talent by engaging in interdisciplinary dialogue, initiating innovative projects and providing one another with professional support.

Scholars rank within the top-10 percent of their class and are selected by the dean of their respective schools, based on academic achievement and demonstrated leadership. This year's distinguished honorees are:

-- Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science: Michael N. Dille, Michael Joseph Heilman, Lucia de Lascurain Hinojasa, Pradeep Ravikumar, Adam Wierman

-- Harvard University, Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences: Peter A. Webb

-- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science: Jonathan Battat, Punyashloka Biswal, Hongyi Hu, Robert Pilawa, Chen Xiao

-- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sloan School of Management: Jose Almirall, Alper Celen, Alice Chen, Ilyse Cody, Nicholas Padgalskas

-- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management: Aditya Bhashyam, Christopher S. Gregory, Akshaya Gulhati, David Newman, Douglas W. Scott, Jr.

-- Stanford University, Department of Computer Science: David Akers, Katherine Johnson Brainard, Frans Adjie Effendi, Chang Seo Park, David Scott Reiss

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-- Stanford University, Graduate School of Business: Amy Chen, Kermit J. Cook,  
Ryan N. Cotton, Sean Ryan Harrington, Kautsuv Sen

-- University of California, Berkeley, College of Engineering: Dan Oscar Bonachea,  
Andrew B. Dahl, David Garmire, Hayley Nicole Iben, Navtej S. Sadhal

-- University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business: Jesse Eugene Davis,  
John H. T. Law, Micki L. O'Neil, Mark Stephen Sciortino, Akshay Mohan Sethi

-- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Computer Science:  
William T. Baker, Daniel Hoeflinger, David Killian, Kashif Manzoor, Dafna Shahaf

### **About Siebel Scholars**

The Siebel Scholars program was established in 2000 to identify and nurture the brightest leaders in the nation's premier business and computer science post-graduate schools, bringing together a community fostering personal leadership, academic achievement, and the collaborative search for solutions to pressing societal problems.

Active at 10 of the world's leading graduate schools of business and computer science, Siebel Scholars includes a community of nearly 400 new and alumni Scholars. Siebel Scholars is supported by a grant from the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation.

For more information about the Siebel Scholars program, please visit [www.siebelscholars.com](http://www.siebelscholars.com).

### **About the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation**

The Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation—a non-profit, public benefit corporation—was established as a private foundation in 1996. Its mission is to support projects and organizations that work to improve the quality of life, environment and education, and has granted more than \$50 million to philanthropic and charitable causes since its inception. Among these are the nationally recognized Montana Meth Project, the Siebel Center for Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

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