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**AUBREY KOEHLER OF ST. LOUIS, WINS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN HIGH SCHOOL MULTIMEDIA COMPETITION SPONSORED BY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS
Brian Buss of Augusta, Ill., and David Fulton of Lincoln, Ill., Take Second and Third Places Respectively**

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN – Aubrey Koehler, a junior from St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis, took first place honors in the first High School Multimedia Competition sponsored by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). She won a \$5,000 scholarship for her presentation June 18, 2007, during ASABE's Annual International Meeting and 100th Anniversary Celebration in Minneapolis. Brian Buss, a freshman from Southeastern High School, Augusta, Ill., was awarded \$3,000 and David Fulton, a freshman from Lincoln Community High School, Lincoln, Ill., received \$1,500. The topic for the national competition: How our lives would be different today if not for the last century of advances in agricultural, food and biological systems engineering.

"I entered the competition as part of a genetics class," said Koehler. "Until I started researching for the presentation, I had no idea how many advances have taken place in the area of plant genetics and the ways we grow our food."

Koehler's winning entry included a PowerPoint presentation and brochure that used photographs to highlight some of the many agricultural and biological engineering achievements. The winning entries can be viewed at www.asabe.org/asabe100.html. Koehler, Buss and Fulton were narrowed from a field of 30 entries from across the nation, with additional prizes awarded at the state and district levels.

The High School Multimedia Competition event is one of several that mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of ASABE, an international educational and scientific organization dedicated to sustainable development, production and use of agricultural and biologically based products. A unique understanding of engineering principles and the biological world enables its members to lead the way in the use of renewable resources. ASABE and its members are on the cutting edge of sustainable solutions for the future. The society, headquartered in St Joseph, Mich., comprises 9,000 members representing more than 100 countries.

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