

## CEM Increases MJ Collins Award to \$10K for 2007

**Matthews, North Carolina (September 19, 2006) - CEM Corporation**, a leading global provider of microwave laboratory instrumentation, is pleased to announce that the Company is increasing the amount of the **MJ Collins Award** to \$10,000 USD for 2007. The award recognizes outstanding research by a student in the field of microwave chemistry and is open to undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral students attending academic institutions in the United States. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 at the National American Chemical Society Fall Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, with matching funds presented to the student's sponsor.

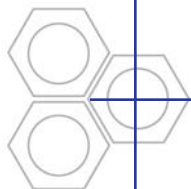
"We were very pleased by the number of nominations and the outstanding quality of the research in our first year of offering a student award," said Michael J. Collins, PhD, president and CEO of CEM Corporation.

"Based on the overwhelmingly positive response, we have decided to substantially increase the award for next year. It is exciting to see so many students doing such excellent work in chemistry and we want to help ensure that the field of science continues to attract the best and brightest. To that end we support educational initiatives in the sciences, including awards and grants to encourage and recognize student achievements."

This year's winner, Benjamin Gorske of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, was nominated for his novel research in the microwave-assisted synthesis of peptidomimetics and the rational design of peptoid structure.

"Microwave technology is useful in many areas of chemistry and biosciences. Many companies in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries have made it their method of choice for performing organic chemistries and newly developed biomolecular applications. It is our hope that offering such a significant award will encourage both students and professors to incorporate microwaves into their research and help stimulate the innova-

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tion and breakthroughs that will undoubtedly occur with this emerging technology in the coming years. It will allow students to be involved with cutting-edge technology in their research, which should be beneficial to them later as they enter the professional workplace,” concluded Collins.

**About the Award:** The MJ Collins Award is named after Michael J. Collins, PhD, founder, CEO and president of CEM Corporation. As one of the original innovators to apply microwave energy to drive chemical processes, Dr. Collins has actively promoted its use in a wide array of applications ranging from organic and biochemistry to compositional testing and continues to encourage the development of new applications for the technology. Dr. Collins is a strong supporter of educational initiatives for the sciences and instituted the MJ Collins Award for Outstanding Young Innovator in Microwave Chemistry in order to encourage students in their pursuit of careers in science. For more information on the MJ Collins Award and a downloadable application for the 2007 award, please visit [www.cem.com/support/award.asp](http://www.cem.com/support/award.asp).

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