



Joel Miller, winner of the 2007 MAZDASPEED Motorsports Driver Development Ladder scholarship and runner-up in the 2008 Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear, has been named the recipient of the 2009 Gorsline Scholarship, a prestigious award given to a young up-and-coming driver each year who displays the attributes of a future champion.

For the sixteenth year John Gorsline of The Gorsline Company has sponsored this award to recognize aspiring drivers and provide a program that provides tools for the winner that will assist them in developing skills on and off the track and attain their professional goals.

As the scholarship winner, Miller will be working with Dr. Jacques Dallaire, Director of Performance Prime, to create an individually designed Performance Enhancement Program. Dallaire has personally worked with more than 600 drivers in 35 countries from all forms of motorsports.

In his rookie season, Miller, a native of Hesperia, Calif., was runner-up in the 2008 Star Mazda Championship Presented by Goodyear, with one victory, two pole positions, and four second-place finishes. All but two of his 12 finishes were top fours. The Star Mazda Championship is the most successful open-wheel driver development series in North America.

He began racing karts at age ten, winning regional, state and national championships over the next eight years. In 2004, while still racing karts, Miller moved up to cars in the US Formula Ford 2000 Zetec Pacific Series. Miller immediately made his mark there as a rookie with one victory and four top-five finishes. That success allowed Miller to be tapped as a finalist for the Red Bull Driver Search where he made it to the semifinals. He was also a Team USA Scholarship finalist.

It is clear that Miller has a bright future ahead of him in motorsports. At this time, there are several options available to this talented young driver. However, plans for the 2009 season and beyond are not solidified.

Miller said "I am honored at being selected to represent the 2008 Gorsline Scholarship and looking forward to its opportunities. The list of previous winners is extensive, and adding my name to an already great list of drivers means a lot. I have to thank John Gorsline in selecting me for the program; I cannot wait to get started with all that the scholarship offers."

The Gorsline Company, headquartered in Rochester, New York, pioneered the business of providing insurance for high risk professionals. The companies specialize in racing drivers and owners, providing custom-designed insurance packages and full financial planning services.

Other Gorsline Scholarship recipients include 2007 Star Mazda Championship winner Dane Cameron, Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice, IRL star Danica Patrick, prototype champion Butch Leitzinger, NASCAR star Jerry Nadeau as well as such motorsports notables as Bryan Herta, Anthony Lazzaro, David Besnard, Bryan Sellers, Patrick Long, Rocky Moran, Jr., Colin Braun and Katherine Legge, the first female driver ever to win an Atlantic Championship race and move up to compete in Champ Car.

Joel Miller will be presented with his Gorsline Scholarship at the annual American Auto Racing Writers & Broadcasters Association banquet, to be held on January 10 at the Ontario Airport Hilton Hotel near Los Angeles.

The American Auto Racing Writers & Broadcasters Association is the oldest and largest organization of its kind. Founded in 1955 in Indianapolis, AARWBA has reached the stature of the football and baseball press associations. Because so many support the aims and programs of AARWBA, it has grown to more than 400 members throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

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