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### **ASDSO Announces 2007-2008 Dam Safety Scholarship Winners**

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The Association of State Dam Safety Officials is pleased to announce the winners of its 2007-2008 Dam Safety Scholarships for Senior Undergraduates.

The ASDSO Scholarship Committee chose two outstanding scholars—Josh Goodall, a Civil Engineering major at Oregon State University, and Salvador Varela, a Construction Management major at Boise State University—from a field of twenty-five well-qualified applicants representing universities across the United States.

ASDSO Scholarship Chairman John Moyle (New Jersey Dam Safety Bureau Manager) noted, “Both Josh and Sal demonstrate strong academic and leadership abilities and have had valuable practical experiences. We are proud to present them with ASDSO scholarships, and look forward to working with them as colleagues in dam safety.”

This is the sixteenth year of the ASDSO Scholarship Program, which annually awards up to \$10,000 to outstanding undergraduates who plan to enter the dam safety profession. Each of this year’s recipients received \$5,000 for educational expenses, a one-year ASDSO membership, and a trip to Dam Safety 2007, ASDSO’s national conference, held September 9-13 in Austin, Texas.

#### **Josh Goodall, Oregon State University**



*Goodall (L) & ASDSO President Mark Ogden.*

Josh Goodall, of Bend, Oregon, is a Civil Engineering major and Teacher’s Assistant at Oregon State University. For over three years, Josh interned at Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, working on a variety of water and wastewater projects, including storm drainage for the City of the Dalles. Josh is an active student member of ASCE, and Steel Bridge Competition. He is membership

chair of Chi Epsilon Honor Society, team captain in the COCC Club basketball league and Praise and Worship leader at his church. Josh’s scholastic honors include OSU

Foundation, SMPS and COCC scholarships. Following his undergraduate studies, Josh plans to obtain a Master's degree in Structural Engineering, with a focus on large infrastructure designs, including bridges and dams.

### **Salvador Varela, Boise State University**

Salvador Varela, a native of Rexburg, Idaho, is majoring in Construction Management at Boise State University. For the past two summers, he has assisted in development of estimates for Washington Group International projects, including Olmsted Dam. Sal plays an active role at his school and in his community, serving as Team Leader Estimator for the Marine competition of the



*Sal Varela (L) & ASDSO President Ogden*

Associated Schools of Construction; former treasurer and current vice president of the Construction Management Association; student member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; intramural athletics team captain; and community service volunteer. Among Sal's honors are: Sigma Lambda Chi Honor Society; faculty nominee to attend 2007 Leadership Quest as Emerging Student Leader; College of Engineering Dean's List with Highest Honors; 2006 Construction Management Association of America National Scholarship; Golden Key International Honor Society recognition as being in the top 15% of class rankings based on cumulative GPA; National Society of Collegiate Scholars for Outstanding Academic Achievement, 2005; and 2004 John Gallegos Endowed Fund Scholarship, 2004. His career plans include being "...part of the next generation of experienced dam safety officials."

### **2007-2008 Scholarship Applications Available**

Applications for ASDSO's 2007-2008 Dam Safety Scholarships are available at [www.damsafety.org](http://www.damsafety.org). The deadline for applying is March 28, 2008.

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