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Sol Schwartz & Associates, P.C. Presents \$2,500 Accounting Scholarship Award to UTSA Senior

San Antonio, TX, December 17, 2008: Sheldon Lahti, a senior accounting student at The University of Texas at San Antonio, has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the Sol Schwartz & Associates Accounting Scholarship. The award is based on academic achievement, financial need and demonstrated leadership. This year 25 of the San Antonio area's top accounting students applied for the scholarship.

Lahti has a 4.0 grade point average in accounting. His toughest competition for the award came from his wife Vicki. Neither of them has ever made less than an "A" in an accounting course! Together they attend school full-time and have a new baby. Mr. Lahti previously served in the US Air Force and held several leadership positions. In addition to being a full-time student, Lahti works as an accounting associate at Walmart to support his family. He currently plans to enter the master's program at UTSA next Fall and take the CPA exam in 2009.

The accounting firm of Sol Schwartz & Associates, P.C. established its Accounting Scholarship Award in 2005 to commemorate the firm's 25th anniversary. For 10 years, a total of \$25,000 in scholarships (\$2,500 per year) will be awarded to an outstanding accounting college student in San Antonio. Managing shareholder Jeff Albrecht says, "The Sol Schwartz & Associates Accounting Scholarship Award supports our firm's proud tradition of community involvement, with a strong emphasis on education."

Sol Schwartz & Associates, P.C. is one of the largest independent certified public accounting firms in San Antonio with a staff of over forty employees. Founded in 1980, we are a full service firm providing tax, audit, consulting, and other services to a wide range of clients. We are also a member of CPAmerica International, one of the world's largest networks of independent CPA and consulting firms. It consists of more than 70 large, closely integrated CPA firms across the United States and, through CPAmerica's strategic alliance with Horwath International, our clients have access not only to the best our firm has to offer, but also to the collective experience, advice and resources of more than 15,000 professionals in 85 countries around the world.

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