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DUKE UNIVERSITY'S FUQUA/COACH K CENTER ON LEADERSHIP & ETHICS
ANNOUNCES PH.D. DISSERTATION COMPETITION WINNERS

DURHAM, N.C., OCT. 30, 2007 – The Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE) at Duke University launched its first annual dissertation proposal competition for Ph.D. candidates whose research contributes to the understanding of leadership and ethical issues facing the business community. The competition is supported by a grant from the Wachovia Foundation.

This year, COLE selected one winner and one runner-up among the many entries. Jason Stansbury, from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., was selected as the winner, and will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. He will also be asked to present his research proposal, titled "Discursive Moral Openness," at The Fuqua School of Business at Duke.

Niki den Nieuwenboer, from Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, was selected as the runner-up, and will receive a \$250 honorarium for her proposal, titled "The Dynamics of Corporate Corruption."

"A key aspect of our center's mission is to galvanize rigorous research in the discipline of leadership, which then informs our education and practitioner initiatives," said Sanyin Siang, COLE managing director and senior research associate. "This Ph.D. Dissertation Competition enables us to capture the thinking among the newest generation of scholars, while stimulating ideas about how their research can be applied to the leadership arena."

Proposals were evaluated by a committee of COLE Center Scholars, who are leading faculty in the fields of leadership and ethics. Center Scholars help advance COLE's research-related agenda for leadership and ethics.

"We received many applications this year, and we were pleased to learn of the research being done by young scholars in the areas of leadership and ethics. Proposals were evaluated on their scholarly contribution to the understanding of ethical and leadership issues in business, as well as their theoretical and methodological quality," said COLE Center Scholar Kimberly Wade-Benzoni, who is the committee chair.

Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE)

COLE aims to advance leadership and business ethics through research and education. The center convenes leading scholars and corporate leaders world-wide

and strives to influence the way students, academics, corporations, governments and non-profits think about and practice business leadership and ethics in the 21st century. To help forward COLE's research-related agenda for leadership and ethics, the Center has recruited a cadre of faculty (Center Scholars), who represent a diverse number of disciplines, conduct research, and help the center to identify the most pressing research topics concerning leadership and ethics. COLE is a collaboration among Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, The Kenan Institute for Ethics and Duke Athletics.

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