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BERLACK/ASTLE MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BRADFORD, VT February 8, 2016 – World Cup Supply is happy to announce the winners of the 2016 Berlack/Astle Memorial Fast Skier Awards:



Kate Bridges who competes with the Nub's Knob Ski Team in Harbor Springs, Michigan and Hayden Terjeson from the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation were each awarded the 2016 prize for 2014-2015 U16 athletes.

Kate Bridges is from Franklin, Michigan and finished 1st in slalom and 2nd in GS at the Division 1 regional meet last season. She has been described as an "exceptional" leader and athlete by teachers and coaches. Aside from being an excellent student, Kate also encourages younger skiers who express an interest in ski racing by helping them with their equipment and getting them to the hill.

Kate is focused on the USSA Rocky/Central U16 Championship this year, and is looking forward to ski racing in college.

Hayden Terjeson from the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation is the men's winner and lives in Ketchum,



ID. Hayden enjoys the speed events, and finished 2nd in Super G at the USSA Intermountain Division Championships at Mt. Bachelor and 11th in SG at U16 Nationals last year in Maine. Hayden also runs his own landscape business in the off-season to help with the costs of ski racing. Perhaps more importantly Hayden's generous and "deep character" on and off the hill was noted.

Both athletes will receive a \$1000 cash award as well as a helmet, goggles and back protector from POC, a jacket, backpack and neck-warmer from WCS and a GS Suit from SYNC.

This is the 8th year the "Fast Skier Award" has been awarded and the first year that the award has been presented in memory of Ronnie Berlack and Bryce Astle, two USST athletes whose lives were lost in an avalanche in Soelden, Austria in January 2015. The award is based on personal statements and references, academics, athletic results and community involvement...the type of character that both Ronnie and Bryce exhibited. As Hayden Terjeson wrote in his application "...this is a very special award representing two honorable athletes."

We at World Cup Supply congratulate Kate and Hayden and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We'd also like to thank SYNC and POC for their generous donations and help with recognizing Kate and Hayden's achievements.

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