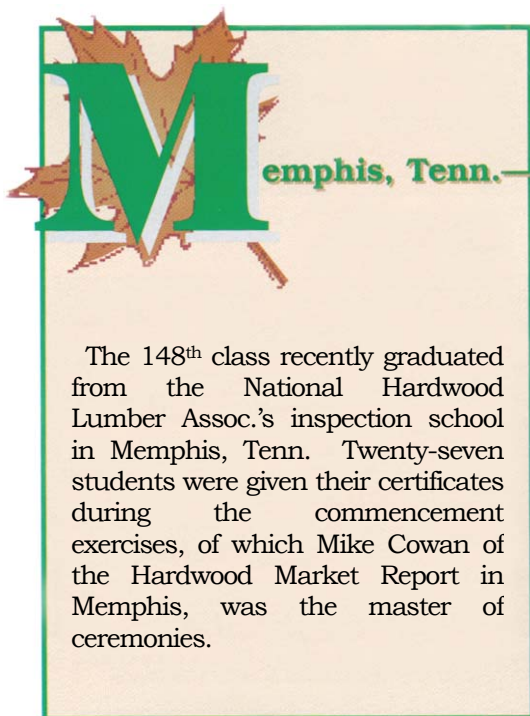


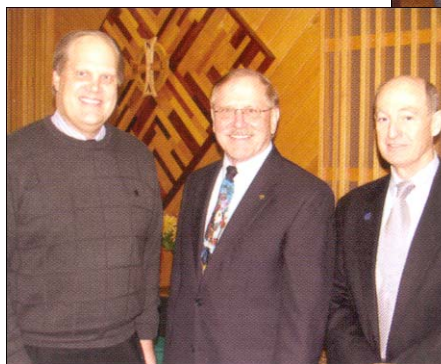
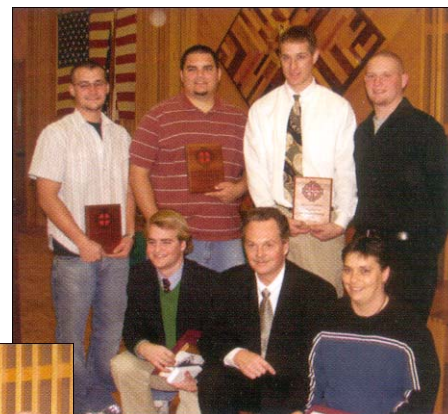
NHLA GRADUATES 148TH CLASS

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The 148th class recently graduated from the National Hardwood Lumber Assoc.'s inspection school in Memphis, Tenn. Twenty-seven students were given their certificates during the commencement exercises, of which Mike Cowan of the Hardwood Market Report in Memphis, was the master of ceremonies.

Award winners of the NHLA 148th class are: (back) Justin Holberton, winner of the Howard Hanlon Award for second highest overall average; William Anthony Secco, awarded the West Side Hardwood Club Award for highest board run average; Bruce Daniels, winner of the South Central Lumbermen's Award for best attitude/citizenship; and Michael Anderson, awarded the Willard Scholarship Award. Kneeling are Mark Williams, winner of the John Thomson Award for highest overall average; Lloyd Turner, awarded the Lumbermen's Club of Memphis Leadership Award; and Michelle Fain, winner of the J.P. Hamer Award for most improved.



Jeff Wirkkala, Hardwood Industries Inc., Tualatin, Ore.; Paul Houghland Jr., National Hardwood Lumber Assoc., Memphis, Tenn.; and David Williams, Champlain Hardwoods Inc., Essex Junction, Vt.

Rich Hascher, director of the school, welcomed guests and spoke to students about the importance of all they learned while attending the school. He was joined by Paul Houghland Jr., executive manager of the NHLA, who congratulated the graduates on their accomplishment. David Williams of Champlain Hardwoods Inc., headquartered in Essex Junction, Vt., gave the graduation address.

Class officer Lloyd Turner, sponsored by Webster Industries Inc. in Bangor, Wis., presented Hascher and school registrar Mary Bartee with gifts from the class. Jeff Wirkkala of Hardwood Industries Inc. in Tualatin, Ore., presented the awards to students.

NHLA is a nonprofit trade organization composed of more than 1,800 members who produce, sell and use Hardwood lumber, or provide services to the Hardwood industry. The association was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of lumber.

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