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### PAVE Announces Rising Star Award Finalists

*Hollywood, Fla. (Nov. 5, 2009)*—The Planning and Visual Education Partnership (PAVE) is pleased to announce the three finalists of the foundation's 2009 Rising Star Award.

This award was created in 2007 to recognize the achievements of individuals who have demonstrated talent, vision, and implementation in the retail environment.

Companies were invited to nominate an individual working in retail design, visual presentation, or contract design who is a proven innovator and leader among his or her peers. Nominees were 35 years of age or younger.

The 2009 Rising Star Award Finalists are:  
Travis Burnham, Creative Services Manager, J. Crew  
Robyn Novak, Director, Interior Design, FRCH Design Worldwide  
Stacy Suvino, Visual Director, Miss Jackson's

The award presentation and announcement of the winner will take place Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, during the 13th Annual PAVE Gala at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York.

Serving as judges for PAVE's 2009 Rising Star Award are the following industry professionals: James Bellante, Group Vice President, Visual Merchandising, Macy's; Kristin D. Godsey, Associate Publisher/Executive Editor, VMSD; Nancy Jackson, President, Architectural Systems Inc.; Ed Jankowski, Senior Vice President/General Manager, North America, Godiva Chocolatier Inc.; and Brad Somberg, President, B&N Industries.

For more information about the PAVE, please visit [www.paveinfo.org](http://www.paveinfo.org).

#### About PAVE

Founded in 1992, The Planning and Visual Education Partnership's (PAVE) objective is to encourage students to study in the field of retail design and planning and visual merchandising through its annual Student Design Competition. Additionally, PAVE seeks to encourage retail management, store planners, visual merchandisers, architects, and manufacturers to interact with and support design students. This is accomplished through seminars, workshops, and PAVE's annual fundraising Gala with proceeds dedicated to financial aid and internships for qualified students. PAVE is a 501(c)(3) educational foundation administered by the Association for Retail Environments (A.R.E.).

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