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Koehler Paper Award Presented at Munich University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule München) for the Second Time

- **The prize was awarded to two bachelor's graduate and one master's graduate**
- **Award-winners received a prize of EUR 1000 each to be spent however they wish**
- **Paper Technology Bachelor's program and Paper Technology Master's program**

Oberkirch, Germany, 31/07/2023—Koehler Paper is part of the Koehler Group and has been producing a wide range of specialty papers for global use for over 215 years. Recruiting extremely well-trained young talent is the key to the company's sustained success. Recognizing and raising awareness of outstanding achievements by young scientists is very important to Koehler. With this in mind, this family-owned company presented the Koehler Paper Award at Munich University of Applied Sciences again this year. The prize is awarded for outstanding performances in biopolymer chemistry, biogenic fibers, and surface finishing on the Paper Technology Bachelor's program, and in minerals, coating, and specialty papers on the Paper Technology Master's program.

Honoring the Achievements of Today's Young Generation of Scientists

In the summer semester of 2023, more than 40 students celebrated their graduation from the Paper Technology Bachelor's program and the Paper Technology Master's program at Munich University of Applied Sciences. The fact that the proportion of female students graduating from these technical degree programs was higher this year deserves particular mention. Thomas Peter, General Production Manager at Koehler Paper's Kehl site, emphasized: "We are delighted to be able to present the Koehler Paper Award recognizing outstanding achievements by students at Munich University of Applied Sciences again this year. It is our goal to connect with graduates at an early stage and encourage them, and that is why we launched the Koehler Paper Award in 2022."

This year the Koehler Paper Award was awarded to David Blazevic and Gesa Richter on the Paper Technology Bachelor's program for outstanding performances in chemical technology, coating, and specialty papers, and finishing top of the class in the subjects of biopolymer chemistry, biogenic fibers, and surface finishing. On the Paper Technology Master's program, the Koehler Paper Award was presented to Moritz Feßemayr for outstanding performances in chemical technology, coating, and specialty papers and finishing top of the class in the subjects of minerals, coating, and specialty papers.

Thomas Peter, General Production Manager at Koehler Paper's Kehl site, congratulated the winning graduates and presented them with their certificates printed on handmade paper from Koehler Paper and EUR 1,000 prize money at a special ceremony held for graduates on July 28, 2023. Once the official

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proceedings were concluded at the event, the representatives of the company and the graduates used the remaining time for networking.



Figure: From left to right: Thomas Peter, General Production Manager at Koehler Paper's Kehl site, presented Moritz Feßbenmayr, Paper Technology Master's graduate as well as David Blazevic and Gesa Richter, Paper Technology Bachelor's graduate, with the Koehler Paper Award for their outstanding achievements. / Source: Munich University of Applied Sciences

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About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation papers, and also innovative specialty papers for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 75% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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