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East Texas Communities Foundation Awards over \$130,000 in Scholarships for 2007

May 7, 2007- East Texas Communities Foundation announced the awarding of over \$130,000 in scholarships to high school and college students from East Texas for 2007. On Tuesday evening, May 8th, 41 first time scholarship recipients will be awarded over \$61,000 at a reception in honor of the recipients at Marvin United Methodist Church. Scholarship amounts range from \$3,500-\$500 per student.

“East Texas Communities Foundation is honored to fulfill the charitable goals of many individuals, organizations, and families who want to make it possible for deserving young people to advance their education,” said Kyle Penney, President of East Texas Communities Foundation.

Approximately \$70,000 in scholarship renewals will be distributed later this summer, making a total of \$130,000 in scholarship grants in 2007 from the Scholarship Funds at East Texas Communities Foundation.

This year’s scholarships and scholarship recipients are:

The David G. Braithwaite Scholarship for Chemistry. . . . was established in memory of Dr. David G. Braithwaite, renowned research chemist and President and CEO of Nalco Chemical Company, by his widow, by Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite. This fund awards renewable scholarships to East Texas students who plan to study chemistry.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Landon Dickeson	Grace Community High School
Britt Martin	Whitehouse High School
Paul Metzner	Whitehouse High School

Gary Neel Memorial Scholarship... was established by Mr. Neel’s friends and family as a legacy to Mr. Neel, so that deserving Robert E. Lee graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

Recipient	Currently Attending
Brandon Steele	Robert E. Lee High School



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Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell Scholarship... established by the children of Dr. Caldwell to honor his life as a physician in East Texas, this scholarship is for East Texas residents pursuing a career in a medically-related field.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Sasha Strain	UT Tyler
Paula Scherry	Angelina College

The David G and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology . . . Established by Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite, this fund provides scholarships for students pursuing a career as a medical doctor or veterinarian or pursuing post-graduate study in biotechnology.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Erin Brumfield	Pine Tree High School
JayAnna Magruder	Rusk High School
Julia Neslon	Gilmer High School

J.M. Braithwaite/TJC Nursing Scholarship ... was established by Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite to provide scholarships to East Texas students pursuing a degree in one of the nursing programs at Tyler Junior College.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Bria Hopkins	Arp High School
Kayla Morris	Rusk High School
Jeffery Youngblood	Grace Community School

Citizens 1st Bank State Employees' Children's Scholarship ... is for children of employees of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Cherokee, Nacogdoches, or Smith County.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Ryan Curtin	Rusk High School
Jarrod Garbutt	UT Tyler
Andrew Johnson	John Tyler High School
Casey Sosby	Rusk High School

Partners in Arts Scholarship Fund . . . was established by the Arts and Humanities Alliance of Tyler to assist Smith County seniors who plan to major in an arts-related field in college.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Joshua Byrd	Whitehouse High School
Sarah South	Grace Community School
Cory Terre	Whitehouse High School



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The A. D. and Mary Winston Scholarship Fund . . . was established by the four children of A. D. and Mary Winston both of whom graduated from Texas A&M and dedicated their careers to teaching in the Tyler Independent School District. This scholarship is to assist TISD students who wish to attend Texas A&M University.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Britt Martin	Whitehouse High School

The University of Texas at Tyler Alumni Association Scholarship . . . is awarded to a graduating senior in high school or a freshman, sophomore or junior in college who attends the University of Texas at Tyler and is a child or grandchild of a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Katy Ereman	Brownsboro High School
Chandra Muchleroy	New Diana High School

Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship . . . is awarded by members of the Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association to dependent children of Tyler Police Department employees or retirees.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Whitney Green	Brownsboro High School
Maggie Pottkotter	Robert E. Lee High School

Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship . . . Established in memory of Leslie Reid by her husband Ron Reid to commemorate her love of showing horses. This scholarship is for a female senior from Henderson County who has participated in horse shows.

Recipient	Currently Attending
Erica Crabtree	Athens High School

Adam Carroll Scholarship . . . established by his family to memorialize a young man known for his love of people, his zest for life and his love of sports. This scholarship is for a Grand Saline senior who has participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

Recipient	Currently Attending
Austin Fisher	Grand Saline High School

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Study in Medically Related Fields. . . Established by Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite, this fund provides scholarships to East Texas students pursuing careers such as radiological technology, respiratory care, nursing or pharmacy technology.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Jacob Antony	UT Houston
Mandi Hancock	Hawkins High School
Andrea Jones	Chapel Hill High School
Kristi Keith	Henderson High School
Shelby Knight	Eustace High School
Robinann Martinez	Harmony High School
Alisha Row	Hawkins High School



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Kelsey Shaw	Canton High School
Andrew Smith	Home Schooled
Marcale Williams	Robert E. Lee

Winifred K. George Scholarship Fund . . . was established by Mrs. George for graduating seniors who plan to attend Abilene Christian University.

Recipient	Currently Attending
Shannon Snell	Whitehouse High School

Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship Fund . . . was established by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Locklin for graduation seniors who plan to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

Recipient	Currently Attending
Meredith Toulouse	Grace Community School

Robert B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship . . . was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamm for graduating seniors from Bullard High School who plan to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

Recipients	Currently Attending
Jeremy Morgan	Bullard High School
Emanuel Saavedra	Bullard High School

The Smith County Baptist Minister's and the East Texas Geological Society Scholarship have yet to be announced.

East Texas Communities Foundation serves as a flexible and cost-effective vehicle for donors to invest charitable funds in their East Texas community. In 2006, the Foundation granted over \$3.2 million dollars to charities. If you would like to invest in the future of a deserving East Texas student by creating a scholarship fund, or learn about other charitable fund options, please contact Kyle Penney at 903.533.0208.

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