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FIRST EVER IOWA WEST FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

College Access Program Completion Scholarships Also Announced

The Iowa College Foundation announced today that it has awarded the first ever Iowa West Foundation Opportunity Scholarships totaling \$400,000 to 25 southwest Iowa students beginning college in the 2013-2014 academic year. Each student will receive a \$16,000 scholarship to be used over four years at the college or university of their choice for tuition and fees.

The Iowa West Opportunity Scholarship Program is administered by the Iowa College Foundation. High school senior students meeting certain requirements and attending high school in Pottawattamie County (IA) were eligible to apply.

“This new scholarship program provides an exciting step for local high school seniors to fulfill a dream to attend college,” said Pete Tulipana, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation. Their achievements met the standards of our program administered by the Iowa College Foundation, and we wish them well on their college careers.”

Tulipana also explained that 13 of the 25 scholars graduated from the College Access Program (CAP), an Iowa West funded program in the two high schools of the Council Bluffs Community School District. CAP is a four year program for students who might not otherwise further their education, and who may be the first member of their families to go to college. CAP is administered by the AIM Institute.

In addition, the Iowa College Foundation also announced eight scholarships to high school seniors who completed the four year CAP program. They were awarded \$1,000 completion scholarships also funded by Iowa West. The first CAP class celebrated its achievement on May 1.

A list of the scholarship recipients follows:

Iowa West Foundation's 2013 Opportunity Scholarship recipients are:

- Kathryn Adams, Thomas Jefferson High School, University of Iowa, (Music)
- Idil Ahmed, Thomas Jefferson High School, Iowa State University, (Biology)
- Haley Banks, Thomas Jefferson High School, Morningside College, (Psychology)
- Ronette Bruner, Lewis Central High School, Creighton University, (Psychology/Sociology)
- Rachel Faga, Riverside Community High School, Morningside College, (Psychology)
- Anna Gahm, Abraham Lincoln High School, Iowa State University, (undecided)
- Taylor Grap, Tri-Center High School, Wayne State College, (Pre-Medicine)
- Gabrielle Higgins, Thomas Jefferson High School, Morningside College, (undecided)
- Johnathan Howard, Abraham Lincoln High School, Truman State University, (Linguistics)
- Sarah Ingwersen, Thomas Jefferson High School, University of Iowa, (International Studies/Pre-Medicine)
- Hannah Kreitzinger, Lewis Central High School, Nebraska Wesleyan University, (undecided)
- Jacqueline Kuder, Abraham Lincoln High School, University of Northern Iowa, (undecided)
- Haley Larsen, Tri-Center High School, University of Nebraska-Omaha, (Pharmacy)
- Jacquelin Lemus, Thomas Jefferson High School, College of Saint Mary, (Occupational Therapy)
- Lauren Myers, Abraham Lincoln High School, Simpson College, (Political Science/Philosophy)
- Patrick O'Brien, Thomas Jefferson High School, University of Iowa, (Music Performance/Linguistics)
- Ryan O'Neal, Thomas Jefferson High School, Iowa State University, (Engineering)
- Casey Peters, A-H-S-T High School, University of South Dakota, (Nursing)
- Hallen Phung, Thomas Jefferson High School, Simpson College, (Psychology)
- Abigail Plymale, A-H-S-T High School, Simpson College, (Music Education)
- Christina Rivera, Abraham Lincoln High School, Creighton University, (Business/Pre-Law)
- Katelyn Sillik, Thomas Jefferson High School, Creighton University, (Pharmacy)
- Avery Umphreys, Treynor High School, Morningside College, (Psychology)
- Gabriela Valdez, Abraham Lincoln High School, University of Nebraska-Omaha, (Pre-Medicine)
- Jacob Warneke, Abraham Lincoln High School, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, (Mechanical Engineering)

Iowa West Foundation's 2013-2014 one-year CAP Scholarship recipients are:

- Brittany Bourlier, Abraham Lincoln High School, Iowa Western Community College, (Dental Hygiene)
- Elizabeth Britton, Abraham Lincoln High School, Midland University, (Music Education)
- Hans Brummer, Abraham Lincoln High School, Iowa Western Community College, (Computer Applications and Web Design)
- Maddison Furler, Abraham Lincoln High School, University of Iowa, (undecided)
- Cheyanne Johnsen, Abraham Lincoln High School, Graceland University, (Art/Literature)
- Emily Kilnoski, Thomas Jefferson High School, University of Northern Iowa, (Human Services/Sign Language)
- Rodrigo Martinez, Thomas Jefferson High School, Iowa Western Community College, (undecided)
- Michael Speight, Thomas Jefferson High School, Iowa State University, (undecided)

The Iowa West Foundation, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs, is one of largest private foundations in the Midwest. It provides grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to improve the quality of life in communities throughout southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska. Recently the Foundation surpassed a milestone of awarding more than \$300 million dollars since the start of its grant program in 1996. Iowa West grants are funded by investment income and by the Iowa West Racing Association, which receives fees from casino operators – Ameristar and Harrah's. For more information visit www.iowawestfoundation.org

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