

AUSTIN BANK AWARDS \$34,500 IN COMMITMENT-TO-COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

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May 25, 2007: In the spirit of the dedication to the East Texas communities we serve and to our employees, this year Austin Bank is proud to award 25 scholarships totaling \$34,500.

Austin Bank Vice Chairman of the Board Jeff Austin, III congratulated the winners. "All of these fine students are to be commended for their efforts and their educational plans. After reviewing all the scholarship applications, we are proud to recognize how committed these young people are to their education and their community," Austin stated.

"We are honored to assist these students, their families and the East Texas community by providing funds for education, Austin said.

Scholarships were presented to 24 East Texas high school seniors in communities served by Austin Bank and to one Austin Bank employee child. Scholarship recipients were selected based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activity involvement, leadership qualities and essay content.



Front Row – Left to Right

Darleen Morales, Jennifer Moore, Bethany Moore, Sarah Adams, Taylor McCain

Back Row (standing) - Left to Right

John Williams, Austin Bank President/CEO, Jacob Sims, Brian, Ventura, Rolando Reyes, Joshua Tollett, Austin Fisher, Jeff Austin, III, Vice Chairman of the Board

2007 Scholarship Recipients were:

Jerilyn Davis – Gilmer High School
Austin Fisher – Grand Saline High School
Darleen Morales – John Tyler High School
Rolando Reyes – John Tyler High School
Katelyn James – Marshall High School
Brian Ventura – Nacogdoches High School
Kinsey Gresham – Rusk High School
Brittany Hudman – Timpson High School
Joshua Tollett – Troup High School

Sarah Adams – Whitehouse High School
Mark Fisher – Big Sandy High School
Jennifer Moore – Chapel Hill High School
Bevyn Stokes – Garrison High School
Macaria Granados – Gary High School
Jacob Lane Sims – Harmony High School
Kiera Wade – John Tyler High School
Justin Noroozivi – Nacogdoches High School
Erin Brumfield – Pine Tree High School
Rachel Unruh – Pine Tree High School
Brandon Steele – Robert E. Lee High School
Lauren Johnson – Rusk High School
Bethany Moore – Van High School
Rachel Milewski – Van High School
Taylor McCain – Whitehouse High School
Melissa Eades – Spring Hill High School

Since the implementation of the scholarship program in 2005, Austin Bank has awarded a total of \$59,500 to East Texas graduating seniors.

Austin Bank, a community bank with headquarters in Jacksonville, Texas, has in excess of \$776 million in assets with 23 offices in nine counties throughout East Texas.