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Austin Bank Awards \$35,500 in College Scholarships

Austin Bank is proud to award \$35,500 in college scholarships to 31 East Texas high school students as part of its Commitment-to-Community program that supports the educational goals of area youth.

“Austin Bank commends all these outstanding students on their educational goals and their determination to achieve those goals through a college education,” said Jeff Austin, III, Vice Chairman of the Board. “We are pleased to assist these students, their families and the East Texas Community by providing scholarship funds for education.”

Since the inception of the Austin Bank Commitment-to-Community Scholarship program in 2005, Austin Bank has awarded a total of \$133,000 to East Texas graduating seniors.

The scholarship recipients are 2009 graduates from 18 high schools within the East Texas area that Austin Bank serves. This year’s recipients include 27 students from the community and four students who are children of Austin Bank employees.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activity involvement, leadership qualities and an essay contest.

The 2009 Scholarship winners are:

Cassie Case, Big Sandy High School

Monique Gordon, Bullard High School

Ryan Russell, Central Heights High School (Nacogdoches)

Jon Kayla Brown, Chapel Hill High School

Amanda Calhoun, Garrison High School

Jordan Adkison, Garrison High School

Jared Harborth, Gilmer High School

Lockie Breeding, Harmony High School

Travis Burks, Harmony High School

Ashleigh Lewis, Jacksonville High School

Brad Eyre, Jacksonville High School

Katie Cook, Jacksonville High School

Cornelius Burns, John Tyler High School (Tyler)

Andrew Gary Wells, Nacogdoches High School

Caleb Witcher, Nacogdoches High School

Hunter Skoog, Pine Tree High School

Blake Hicks, Rains High School

Grace Jones, Rains High School

Adam Solomon, Robert E. Lee High School (Tyler)

Beth Ann McCloskey, Robert E. Lee High School (Tyler)

Katie Anderson, Robert E. Lee High School (Tyler)

Moriah Rivera, Robert E. Lee High School (Tyler)

Charnell Franklin, Rusk High School

Kala Finley, Rusk High School

Luke Wallis, Spring Hill High School (Longview)

Shannon Irby, Spring Hill High School (Longview)

Chase Coker, Troup High School

Maegan Knuckles, Troup High School

Ryan Raugust, Van High School

Shelby Harris, Van High School

Heath Mayo, Whitehouse High School

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