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ACCESS Scholarship Winners Announced

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA, March 20, 2020 — The Chamber's Business Education Committee held its 33rd Annual ACCESS Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, March 8, at the Hormel Historic Home. Winners were selected by the Chamber's Business Education Committee through a three-step process: written applications, interviews and speech presentations.

Twelfth grade winners are Abigail Muller (\$1,500), Kathryn Lillemon (\$1,000), Shenali DeSilva (\$750) and Goamaar Paul (\$750). Eighth grade winners are Abby VanPelt (\$500), Julie Nesvold (\$375), Elayna Blust (\$250), Claire Bliese (\$250), Zaki Nawras (\$200) and Rose Garry (\$200).

This scholarship is available to all Austin public, private and home-schooled 8th and 12th graders, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, status with regards to public assistance, disability or handicap. This scholarship is not based on financial need.

Scholarship awards are made possible from the financial contributions of Chamber member sponsors: Accentra Credit Union, Austin Ford Chrysler, Bollingberg Chiropractic, Bremer Bank, Diamond Ridge Printing, Family Eye Care Center, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Games People Play, Greg Meyer State Farm Insurance, Heartman Insurance, Home Federal Savings Bank, Hormel Foods Corporation, Hormel Historic Home, Hoversten, Johnson, Beckman, Hovey, IBI Data, Jim's MarketPlace Foods, King Maintenance, Inc., Kiwanis Early Risers, Medicap Pharmacy, Overby Orthodontics, Potach & Mitchell Dental Clinic, Quality Pork Processors, Sterling State Bank, Sweet Reads, US Bank, Wealth Management Solutions and Worlein Funeral Home.

The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Committee builds strong relationships between local schools, youth, community and businesses by supporting scholarships (ACCESS Scholarship for 8th and 12th grade students), pathways programs (Step Up Austin), and school-to-work initiatives (AHS job fair) in addition to providing business support and educational opportunities for Chamber members.

The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization serving nearly 400 area member businesses. The chamber's mission is to support our members by promoting local commerce, advocating business perspectives and establishing relationships for business and community success. For more information about the Chamber please visit our website at www.austincoc.com, call at 507-437-4561, or send an email to elaine@austincoc.com.

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