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From: (Local County President)

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Independence Bank awarded a record amount of \$59,800 to area high school seniors within our service area at a scholarship reception held Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Nine students were chosen as finalists and awarded the Maurice E. Reisz \$500 Scholarship. The nine chosen were also competing for the Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship, the Ernie & Martine Davis \$3,000 Scholarship and six Ernie & Martine Davis \$500 Scholarships. Out of the \$59,800 that was awarded, \$19,300 of that included six Independence Bank community board scholarships.

The finalists included:

Daniel Best - Owensboro Catholic High School

Jordan Haire - Owensboro High School

Hannah Brockman - Hancock County High School

Laura Kirk - Henderson County High School

Dylan Baker – Madisonville North Hopkins High School

Jessica Graves - Lone Oak High School

Hannah Floyd - McLean Co. High School

Riley Miller – Greenwood High School

Cassie Jones – Webster County High School

Laura Kirk from Henderson County High School was the Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship recipient. The Ernie & Martine Davis \$3,000 Scholarship winner was Riley Miller from Greenwood High School. The recipients of the six Ernie & Martine Davis \$500 Scholarships were Daniel Best, Jordan Haire, Hannah Brockman, Jessica Graves, Hannah Floyd and Cassie Jones.

Daniel Best of Owensboro Catholic High School and Jordan Haire of Owensboro High School were both received a \$5,000 Daviess County community board scholarship in honor of the late Margaret Cavitt, presented by President, Darrell Higginbotham and Nick Oller.

Jonathan McCann of Hancock County High School was the recipient of the Hancock community board \$2,000 scholarship.

Mark Carver was the recipient of the Henderson community board \$1,800 scholarship, presented by President, Jim Davis.

McCracken County Board of Directors, Mark Rust and Danny Kelley along with President Danny Evitts, presented Abagail Adler the \$2,500 McCracken County community board scholarship.

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Alexis Baker of Warren Central high school was presented the \$2,000 Warren County community board scholarship by President, Brad Howard.

President, Wayne Hughes presented Jordan Ashby a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Webster County community board.

Lauren Settles of Owensboro Catholic High School was the winner of the \$5,000 Independence Bank Agriculture scholarship for a student from an agriculture background pursuing an agricultural degree.

Riley Miller of Greenwood high school was also awarded the \$5,000 Independence Bank Chairman Scholarship.

Heath Fritz of Henderson County high school was the recipient of the Marjorie Reid \$10,000 scholarship that is for a child or grandchild of an Independence Bank employee or director.

Congratulations to all finalists as you continue your pursuit for higher education.

The Independence Bank Scholarship Program is designed to encourage high school seniors in the Bank's eight county service areas of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, McCracken, Warren and Webster counties, to continue their education. Applicants were judged based on high school grades, ACT/SAT scores, essays and personal interviews. Since 2001, Independence Bank has awarded \$325,300 in college scholarships to area high school seniors.

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