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### **Independence Bank Awards \$128,550 in Scholarships to Local Seniors**

Independence Bank awarded \$128,550 to upcoming graduates within their service area at a scholarship reception held Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Independence Bank has been hosting the annual reception since 2001 where they have awarded a total of \$947,250 in college scholarships to high school seniors.

Olivia Rose of Calloway County High School and Alexis Lilly of Murray High School each received a \$2,000 Calloway County Community Board Scholarship. Matthew Harper of Murray High School also received a Calloway County Community Board Scholarship of \$1,550.

Carrie Neville and Rebekah Obryan of Daviess County High School each received a \$1,000 Daviess County Community Board Scholarship. Nihja Embry from Daviess County High School and Mariah Hamilton of Apollo High School each received a \$3,050 Daviess County Community Board Scholarship. Nihja was also the recipient of the \$5,000 Chairman's Scholarship and the \$3,000 Ernie and Martine Davis Scholarship.

Morgan McKenna of Franklin County High School received a \$1,400 Franklin County Community Board Scholarship.

Faith Mandry, Julianna Sims, Cassandra Thomas, and Kaitlynn Miller all of Graves County High School received a \$500 Graves County Community Board Scholarship. Austin Francis and Terrell Trevor of Mayfield High School also received a \$500 Graves County Community Board Scholarship.

Shelby Winchell of Hancock County High School received a \$1,500 Hancock County Community Board Scholarship.

Ta'ya Scott and Hannah Jones of Henderson County High School each received a \$2,000 Henderson County Community Board Scholarship.

Paxton Gray of Hopkins County Central and Olivia Laffoon of Madisonville North Hopkins each received a \$500 Hopkins County Community Board Scholarship. Lucas Willis also of Madisonville North Hopkins received a \$1,000 Hopkins County Community Board Scholarship.

Deja Workman of Seneca High School received a \$1,000 Jefferson County Community Board Scholarship.

Bailynn Peeler, Sophia Grogan, and Alexis Cryts all of McCracken County High School each received a \$500 McCracken County Community Board Scholarship. Anna McGee of Paducah Tilgman High School received a \$1,000 McCracken County Community Board Scholarship.

Adam Clark and Abby Smith both of McLean County High School each received a \$500 McLean County Community Board Scholarship. Tessa Hardin also of McLean County High School received a \$1,000 McLean County Community Board Scholarship.

The following students each received a \$500 Warren County Community Board Scholarship:  
Kerby Gilstrap-Warren East High School  
Dhay Kamaluldeen-Warren Central High School  
Katelin Bradley-Bowling Green High School  
Hope Rowlett-South Warren High School  
Victoria Bucklew-Greenwood High School

Jordanne Howard of Eastern High School received a \$3,000 Ernie and Martine Davis Scholarship.

Walter Steely and Madelyn Mitchell of Webster County High School each received a \$1,000 Webster County Community Board Scholarship.

Emily Fischels of Madisonville North Hopkins and Drew Ann Herring of Hopkins County Central each received a \$1,500 Danny Peyton Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships were funded by Independence Bank's Farm to Fork dinner and awarded to FFA students pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Landon Dowdy of Graves County High School was awarded the \$1,000 Derek Hart Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was funded by Danny and Melva Hart of Hickory, KY for the second year in a row in memory of their son. The scholarship is awarded to a Graves County student with hopes of returning to the family farm.

Alexis Stewart of Greenwood High School received a \$5,000 AG scholarship

Tanner Hicks of Calloway County High School, Whitley Patterson of McLean County High School, and Max Reid of Owensboro Catholic High School each received a \$5,000 Revolutionary Scholarship.

The Guy Reisz Memorial \$10,000 Scholarship was awarded to Emma Lanham of Owensboro Catholic High School. Mr. Reisz served as an Independence Bank board of director. The Guy Reisz Memorial Scholarship was intended for a student attending Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro.

The \$10,000 Maurice E. Reisz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Katherine Manire from Daviess County High School. Mr. Reisz was a co-founder of Independence Bank and served as Chairman of the Independence Bank board. He was also a local pharmacist in Daviess County. The Maurice E. Reisz Memorial Scholarship was intended for a student pursuing a pharmacy degree.

Thirteen students were chosen as county finalists and awarded the Maurice E. Reisz \$500 Scholarship along with a \$500 Ernie and Martine Davis Scholarship. Finalists received a total of \$1,000 between the two scholarships. The thirteen chosen were also competing for the Charles A. Reid \$15,000 Scholarship.

The thirteen finalists were:

Matthew Harper-Murray High School  
Nijha Embry –Daviess County High School  
Mariah Hamilton-Apollo High School  
Caroline Orange-Western Hills High School  
Faith Mandry-Graves County High School  
Shelby Winchell-Hancock County High School  
Hannah Jones-Henderson County High School  
Paxton Gray – Hopkins County Central High School  
Jordanne Howard-Eastern High School  
Anna McGee-Paducah Tilghman High School  
Martha Briones-Coronado-McLean County High School  
Victoria Bucklew-Greenwood High School  
Samuel Tapp-Webster County High School

The Charles A. Reid \$15,000 Scholarship went to finalist Victoria Bucklew of Greenwood High School in Bowling Green. This original scholarship started our program 17 years ago and is given in honor of former Independence Bank President, Charles A. Reid. His wish was to develop a scholarship program so that students could continue their pursuit of a higher education - something he placed the utmost importance on.

Ashton Crowe of Daviess County High School was awarded the Marjorie Reid \$10,000 scholarship. Marjorie Reid, wife of Charles A. Reid, was one of the founding partners of Independence Bank. Mrs. Reid awards this scholarship to a child or grandchild of an Independence Bank employee or director so that the pursuit of higher education is extended to our Bank family.

To learn more about the Independence Bank scholarship program and the scholarships awarded please visit [www.1776bank.com](http://www.1776bank.com)

ABOUT INDEPENDENCE BANK:

Independence Bank is a locally owned and operated community bank with 25 locations in Calloway, Daviess, Franklin, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, McCracken, McLean, Warren and Webster counties with assets over \$2.2 billion.