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Independence Bank awarded \$54,500 to area high school seniors at a scholarship reception held Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Eight students were chosen as finalists and awarded the Maurice E. Reisz \$500 Scholarship. The top eight 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. One Webster County student received the Tommy & Bonita Chandler \$1,000 Scholarship; a Henderson County student received the Henderson Community Board \$1,000 Scholarship along with the Hancock County finalist receiving the Hancock Community Board \$1,200 Scholarship.

Independence Bank also awarded the Marjorie Reid \$10,000 Scholarship to Eric Farley of Daviess County High School and two additional Marjorie Reid \$2,500 Scholarships to Sarah Sterling of Owensboro Catholic and Kyle Davis of Henderson County High School. For the first time in the history of the Independence Bank Scholarship program, The Marjorie Reid Scholarship was awarded to an Independence Bank employees' child or grandchild who has been ineligible to apply for one of the Bank's scholarships in the past. Also new to the list this year was the Independence Bank \$5,000 Agriculture Scholarship going to a student pursing an Agriculture related degree. This scholarship went to Kaylee Murphy of Owensboro Catholic High School. In addition to the Independence Bank \$5,000 Agriculture Scholarship, Hillary Page of Reidland High School also received a \$1,000 Independence Bank Agriculture Scholarship.

The eight Charles A. Reid finalists included:

Kal Prince – Owensboro High School Sian Waters – Owensboro High School Chelsea Wimmer – Hancock County High School Jacob Smith – Henderson County High School Jessica Evans – Lone Oak High School Madison Peercy – McLean County High School Emily Minton – Warren East High School Natalie Green – Webster County High School

Emily Minton from Warren East High School, was the recipient of the Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship. The Ernie & Martine Davis \$3,000 Scholarship winner was Chelsea Wimmer from Hancock County High School. The recipients of the six Ernie & Martine Davis

\$500 Scholarship's were Kal Prince, Sian Waters, Jacob Smith, Madison Peercy, Jessica Evans and Natalie Green.

Natalie Green from Webster County High School also received the Tommy & Bonita Chandler \$1,000 Scholarship while Hannah Fritz from Henderson County High School received the Henderson Community Board \$1,000 Scholarship and Chelsea Wimmer from Hancock County High School received the Hancock Community Board \$1,200 Scholarship.

The Independence Bank Border Bowl Scholarships were also awarded to seniors from each of the four Daviess County high schools. Each high school chose a representative to kick field goals at the 2010 Independence Bank Border Bowl Kick for Cash half-time event. The number of successful kicks determined the amount of the scholarship that a student from their school would receive. The winners and amounts of these scholarships are as follows:

Nicholas Laster – Apollo \$5,250 Border Bowl Scholarship Rachel Thomas – Daviess County High School \$850 Border Bowl Scholarship Rachel Aull – Owensboro Catholic High School \$2,050 Border Bowl Scholarship Clayton Royal – Owensboro High School \$2,150 Border Bowl Scholarship

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 seven county service areas of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, 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 \$265,500 in college scholarships.

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