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Independence Bank awarded a record amount of \$75,500 to area high school seniors within our service area at a scholarship reception held Tuesday, March 26, 2013. 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 \$75,500 that was awarded, \$22,500 of that included eight Independence Bank community board scholarships.

The finalists included:

Marisa Derenzo – Owensboro High School
Amanda Roby – Whitesville Trinity High School
Cameron Gibson – Henderson County High School
Lauren Kessler – Greenwood High School
Yasmani Ochoa – Hancock County High School
Jayln Walls – Dawson Springs High School
Sydney Rice – McLean County High School
Brennan Pritchett – Webster County High School
Victoria Potter – Paducah Tilghman High School

There was a tie for the Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship, so Amanda Roby from Whitesville Trinity and Marisa Derenzo from Owensboro High School each received a \$5,000 scholarship. The Ernie & Martine Davis \$3,000 Scholarship winner was Jayln Walls from Dawson Springs High School. The recipients of the six Ernie & Martine Davis \$500 Scholarships were: Cameron Gibson, Lauren Kessler, Yasmani Ochoa, Sydney Rice, Brennan Pritchett and Victoria Potter

Marisa Derenzo of Owensboro High School and **Amanda Roby** of Whitesville Trinity both received a \$5,000 Daviess County community board scholarship.

Dylan Brown of Hancock County High School was the recipient of the Hancock community board \$1,400 scholarship.

Dara Ricketts of Henderson County High School was the recipient of the Henderson community board \$2,500 scholarship.

Jayln Walls was of Dawson Springs High School was the recipient of the Hopkins County community board \$1,000 scholarship.

Alyssa Durbin of Lone Oak High School received \$1,500 and **Abigail Hudspeth** of Heath High School received a \$1,000 McCracken County community board scholarship.



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Sydney Rice and **Axel Hollander** of McLean County High School each received a \$500 McLean County community board scholarship. **Katie Eaton** also of McLean County High School, received a \$1,000 McLean County community board scholarship.

Tianna Poole of Warren Central High School was presented the \$2,600 Warren County community board scholarship.

Ryan Myrick of Webster County High School received the \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the Webster County community board.

Finalist **Brennan Pritchett** of Webster County High School also received the \$2,500 Tommy & Bonita Chandler Scholarship.

New this year was the Directors At Large \$2,500 scholarship that was awarded to **Cameron Gibson** of Henderson County High School.

Michael Payne of McLean County High School was the winner of the \$5,000 Independence Bank Agriculture scholarship. This scholarship was intended for a student from an agriculture background pursuing an agricultural degree.

Lauren Kessler of Greenwood High School and **Victoria Potter** of Paducah Tilghman were each awarded the \$5,000 Independence Bank Chairman Scholarship.

Caitlyn Coomes of Owensboro Catholic 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.

Also new this year was the \$2,500 Revolutionary Scholarship, solely funded by the employees at Independence Bank was awarded to **Matthew Johnston** from Community Christian Academy in Paducah. This scholarship was also intended 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 \$400,800 in college scholarships to area high school seniors.

Independence Bank is a regional community bank with 18 locations in western Kentucky and total assets over \$1.2 billion.