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GBRA Awards Scholarships to Downey and Simper

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SEGUIN – The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Scholarship Program, which is a part of the GBRA Employee Volunteer Program, awarded scholarships to five area students from GBRA’s ten county district. GBRA general manager W. E. “Bill” West, Jr. and Board chairman Dr. Stephen Wilson presented the scholarships at the Board of Directors regular meeting in Seguin on Wednesday, May 19.

Taryn Downey and Jillian Simper both graduates of Gonzales High School in Gonzales, were two of the five recipients chosen to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from GBRA.

Taryn Downey will study to be a Neo-Natal Nurse Practitioner in college. While in high school she participated in the Apache Flame Dance Team, FFA, Band, Anchor Club, and the Future Scientists of America. Downey is a member of the National Honor Society. Her community service consists of helping with the Senior Citizen Bingo, Thanksgiving meal delivery, Christmas toy drive and Brainminders. Downey believes that in order to receive anything good in life, whether it be a luxury like a new car, or just supplying the daily needs of a family, requires a great deal of self-discipline and hard work. She plans to attend Texas Lutheran University.

Jillian Simper will study Accounting at Texas State University in San Marcos. In high school, Simper was a member of the Future Scientists of America, Student Council, GHS Honors Student, Anchor Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, delegate to the John Ben Sheppard Leadership Convention, American Legion Girls State nominee, and member of the National Honor Society. Her community service consists of assisting as a Saint James Church volunteer, and volunteering with the Gonzales Summer Youth Program. Simper has always had a love of numbers and finds the ethics surrounding accounting rewarding. Her goal is to be a Certified Public Accountant.

The GBRA Employee Volunteer Program was founded in December of 2000 and is led by a committee with a chairperson responsible for the overall program. Its purpose is to improve the quality of life in area communities through the commitment of GBRA employees and the use of their time, energy, talents and skills. Employee volunteerism is strictly voluntary, unpaid work performed by employees for non-profit or government organizations engaged in civic, health, education, social services and other charitable pursuits.