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Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Awards Seven Academic Scholarships

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SEGUIN – The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Scholarship Program, which is part of the GBRA Employee Volunteer Program, awarded seven \$2,000 academic scholarships to area students from GBRA's 10-county district. GBRA General Manager W. E. "Bill" West, Jr., and Board Chair John P. Schneider, Jr., presented the scholarships at the Board of Directors regular meeting in Seguin on Wednesday, May 16.

The scholarship recipients are listed below by city and include the names of their respective parents and high schools:

Geronimo

Michael Duncan McCallum, son of Richard and Karen McCallum, Navarro High School. McCallum is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in the Navarro Science Fair, Texas Science and Engineering Fair and the Texas Computer Education Association. His community volunteer activities included the Blue Santa Program, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the National Honor Society fundraiser and food drive and anti-drug and drug awareness programs. McCallum will graduate 6th in a class of 105 students and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to eventually become a college professor.

Ashley Williams, daughter of John and Susan Williams, Navarro High School. Williams participated in cheerleading, volleyball, track, girl's basketball, Interact, Fellowship of Christian Students, National Honor Society, Navarro Charitable Services, and held the offices of Junior and Senior Class vice president. Williams' community service activities included delivering Thanksgiving meals, Adopt-A-Highway, Katrina relief fundraiser, Girl Scouts middle school cheer camp, Pre-K Christmas, reading to the elderly and serving at the volunteer fire department dinner. Williams plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin where she will study nursing.

Gonzales

Nazish Tufail Malik, daughter of Tufail and Musrat Malik, Gonzales High School. Malik participated in the Anchor Club, Future Scientist, Gonzales High School Student Government, Interact Club, DECA, CSI Forensics Club, Library Club and Art Club. Her volunteer activities included senior citizen bingos, Christmas toy drives, "Come and Take It" Carnival, Adopt-A-Highway and local blood drives. Malik will graduate first in a class of 118 students and plans to attend Rice University where she will major in chemistry and

business administration. Malik plans to become a doctor to care for underprivileged people in third world countries.

San Marcos

Jacob Hanzel, son of David and Jennifer Hanzel, San Marcos High School. Hanzel participated in the National Honor Society, Student Council, Varsity Golf Team, San Marcos Springs Junior Golf Club and Southern Texas PGA Junior Tour. His volunteer activities included tutoring younger students in reading and math, participating in school carnivals and fall festivals, children's art workshops, food drives, book drives and assisting youth softball coaches. Hanzel will graduate 5th in a class of 367. He plans to manage his own design company after attending Texas A&M University at College Station where he will major in environmental design with a specialization in visual studies.

Seguin

Lance M. Pacheco, son of Martin and Tina Pacheco, Seguin High School. Pacheco is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Junior Class President, National Hispanic Institute Society, Business Professionals of America Texas Association, Student Council and Key Club. His community service activities included beautification of the city's park, river and local museum, Adopt-A-Highway, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Festival, tutoring young Hispanics, fundraising for under privileged children in Africa and fundraising for the Salvation Army. Pacheco plans to attend Georgetown University at Washington D.C., and study international business.

Victoria

Derek J. Pavlicek, son of Nancy and Joe Pavlicek, Memorial High School. Pavlicek served as drum major for the Memorial High School Marching Band, a member of the National Honor Society, and the Key Club. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and the Northside Baptist Church. Pavlicek plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin. As a musician and writer, he plans to record and publish his own work.

June Angela Prout, daughter of Cliff and Esmeralda Prout, Victoria College. Prout is enrolled at Victoria College and is studying network administration. She also is an active member in the Phi Theta Kappa organization and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the Blue Santa program. In addition to her college career, Prout works a full-time and part-time job. Upon graduation, Prout plans to continue her education through an internship program.

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. The program's 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.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun and Refugio counties. The Mission of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority is to protect, conserve, reclaim and steward the

resources of the 10-county district in order to ensure and promote quality of life for those served.