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Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Awards Four 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 four \$2,000 academic scholarships to area students from GBRA's 10-county district. GBRA General Manager W. E. "Bill" West, Jr., and Board Chair T.L. Walker, presented the scholarships at the May Board of Directors Meeting in Seguin.

The scholarship recipients are listed below by city:

SEGUIN

Alejandra Aguilar graduates from Seguin High School in Guadalupe County. She plans to attend either the University of Texas at Austin or Texas A&M University at College Station and major in International Studies and Latin American Studies. In high school Alejandra was a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, Skills USA, Health Occupational Students of America, Engineering Club, Spanish Club, and Leading Youth Through Evangelization. Her community service include Adopt-A-Family, Women's Shelter Christmas Gift Drive, Seguin Trade Days, Earth Day, Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation, and Hacienda Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation. Alejandra works as a certified nurse aid. Her counselor says Alejandra has a great work ethic and is very determined.

PORT LAVACA

Courtney Lundin graduates from Calhoun High School in Calhoun County. She will attend Texas Lutheran University at Seguin and plans to major in biology. In high school, Courtney was a member of the National Honor Society, Anchor Club, Sandette Drill Team, and the Medi-club. Her community service includes the Anchor Club, Vacation Bible School, and the GBRA "Our Day to Shine." Her dream is to work with the vastly changing research in the field of health. Courtney is very passionate about learning more to improve the lives of others.

COMFORT

Carolina Robles graduates from Comfort High School in Kendall County. She has applied to Shreiner College at Kerrville, and plans to major in nursing. While in high school Carolina was a member of the National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America, UIL, Spanish Club, band, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and track. Her community service includes being a Trinity Mission Nursing Home volunteer and a Jehovah's Witness volunteer preacher. According to her teacher/advisor, Carolina has been an exemplary student. She has demonstrated the responsibility and self-determination necessary to be successful both in and out of the classroom. Carolina's teacher/advisor is also impressed with Carolina's maturity, excellent communication skills and professionalism.

KYLE

Abbie Thames graduates from Hays High School in Hays County. She plans to attend Texas A&M University at College Station where she will major in business. While in high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, LEO Service Club, Buda 4-H, Hays FFA, band, Highstepper Drill Team, and Math Club. Abbie community service includes Angel Tree, working concession stands at sports events, local fund-raisers for charity, painting homes that were hit by Hurricane Ike, Special Olympics, county livestock show, Elm Grove Elementary Mentor, Austin Area Food Bank, and mission trip to Tunica. She serves as president of her high school LEO Club, helping various organizations. Abbie is vice-president of the Math Club and plays BINGO with the elderly. Because of the lessons she has learned, she wants to pursue service work throughout her life. She hopes through higher education she can better serve those who are in need.

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.