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GBRA Awards Five Academic Scholarships

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SEGUIN – Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) officials have awarded five \$2,000 academic scholarships to five area students within GBRA's 10-county district. The scholarships, presented annually, are part of GBRA's Employee Volunteer Program.

The scholarship recipients and details are listed below by city:

MARION

Kori Kappelmann graduates from Marion High School in Guadalupe County. She will attend San Antonio College at San Antonio and plans to major in biology/pre-nursing. In high school, Kappelmann is editor of the yearbook, member of the National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, Science Club, German Club and New Berlin 4-H. Her community service includes helping with the Comal County and Guadalupe County youth shows, Marion Volunteer Fire Department, Marion Chamber of Commerce, New Berlin 4-H Club trash pickup, St. John Lutheran Church spring and harvest festivals, and tour guide for the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Kappelmann's teacher says she demonstrates outstanding leadership skills, is a team player, and an excellent role model. Kappelmann is also personable, conscientious, dedicated, dependable, and a self-motivated individual. In addition to being a high achiever in all her classes, she is respected and admired by her peers and teachers.

SAN MARCOS

Allyssa Castillo graduates from San Marcos High School in Hays County. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin where she will major in nursing. In high school Castillo is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America, varsity basketball, and varsity softball. Her community service includes San Marcos High School homecoming block party, fund raising for Health Occupations Students of America and girls basketball. Castillo also volunteered at the San Marcos Activity Center Recreation, and worked concessions at middle school dances. The Health Science Technology Instructor at San Marcos High School says that not only is Castillo dedicated to her school work, but she also has a heart for service.

Adolfo Gonzalez graduates from San Marcos High School in Hays County. He plans to attend the University of Miami at Coral Gables where Gonzalez will major in architecture. In high school he is a member of the National Honor Society, Criminal Justice Club, Senior Mentor, and the National Art Honor Society. Gonzalez's community service includes Relay for Life, volunteering with the San Marcos Activity Center, San Marcos Sights and Sounds of Christmas, Noche de la Familia, and the Rattler Ridge Trail. His goal is to design urban structures that define a city and that mark what the human race is able to accomplish with the highest of creativity.

SEGUIN

Sergio Aleman graduates from Seguin High School in Guadalupe County. He plans to attend UTSA to major in biology. While in high school, Aleman is a member of the Art Club, Business Professionals of America, National Hispanic Institute, Health Occupation Students of America and Rural Talent Search. His community service includes the Seguin Leadership Initiative and the Hispanic Student Outreach Program. Aleman's long-term goal is to attend medical school with a focus in psychiatry. He would like to work for the United States Armed Forces helping traumatized soldiers. Aleman's counselor says he has set goals for himself, is dedicated, has high aspirations and is well-respected by his peers and faculty alike.

Ashley Terry graduates from Seguin High School in Guadalupe County. She plans to attend Texas State University at San



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Marcos, and major in Elementary Education. In high school, Terry is a member of high school cheer leading, competition cheer leading, power lifting, volleyball, softball, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Business Professionals of America, Z-Club, Seguin Youth Leadership Academy, Student Council and Guadalupe County 4-H. Her community service includes GBRA's Our Day to Shine, Blue Santa, Sunday school teacher and youth leader, Guadalupe Regional Medical Center volunteer, food drives and distribution, Relay for Life, and cheer clinics for children. Terry's coach describes her as hard-working and a very positive contributor to the school community. Terry is responsible and honest and has demonstrated both athletic and academic leadership.

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.