East Texas Communities Foundation
2017 Scholarship Reception
May 11, 2017
at Marvin United Methodist Church
Welcome!

East Texas Communities Foundation is pleased to honor the 86 new recipients of scholarships awarded for the 2017-18 academic year. These students were selected from almost 1,400 applicants for 48 different scholarships. Their awards total $122,000. In addition to this evening’s honorees, 32 renewing scholarship recipients will be awarded $73,500 to continue their education. The total amount of scholarship money East Texas Communities Foundation will distribute for the coming school year is $196,400.

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PROGRAM

5:30  Reception

5:45  Welcome  Kyle Penney
      President,
      East Texas Communities Foundation

5:50  Remarks  Doug Bolles
      Board Chair,
      East Texas Communities Foundation

5:55  Speaker  Barbara Bass, C.P.A.
      Partner, Gollob Morgan Peddy P.C.,
      former Mayor of Tyler, 2008-2014

6:05  Awards  Mary Lynn Smith
      Program Officer,
      East Texas Communities Foundation

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Established in 2002 with gifts from the family and friends of Adam Carroll, this scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his love of people, his zest for life, and his love of sports. An honor graduate of Grand Saline High School, Adam was a gifted baseball player, a handsome guy with an infectious smile, and a young man who had big dreams for his life.

One of Adam's favorite sayings was “Always remember who you are, where you come from, and what you represent.” Adam Carroll knew who he was, he knew where he came from, both geographically and spiritually, and he knew he represented his family, his school, and his Lord.

The Adam Carroll Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Grand Saline High School who has participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

2017 Recipient
Kathryn Davis..........Grand Saline High School

Mr. and Mrs. Winston were both long-time educators with Tyler ISD who emphasized the importance of higher education.

Established by the Winston children, all graduates of Texas A&M, to honor their parents, the A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from a Smith County public high school entering Texas A&M University.

2017 Recipient
Camden Brown..............Lindale High School
Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship

Born December 4, 1989, in Bedford, Texas, Alex Fleming was a junior at Whitehouse High School, where he was respected and admired by students and teachers alike for his numerous achievements.

Alex was a member of the National Honor Society, a varsity football and track letterman, and played for the junior varsity baseball team. Moreover, he distinguished himself through his involvement in the Whitehouse High School Band and Jazz Band.

The purpose of the Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship Fund is to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior at Whitehouse High School who has participated in the band program for four years and shows high moral character.

2017 Recipient
Emily Chenoweth .... Whitehouse High School

Roy and Betty Erickson Scholarship

Established by Big Sandy residents Betty and Roy Erickson, this scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors in East Texas who have achieved a 4.0 GPA and outstanding SAT/ ACT scores.

2017 Recipients
Claire Carpenter ......................... Hallsville HS  Justin Rhines ........ Bishop T.K. Gorman H.S.
Charlee Cockrell ............................ Palestine HS  Jacob Urbina ............................. Elkhart HS
Mollies Davies ............................... Athens HS  Carlos Villapudua ..................... Robert E. Lee HS
Citlali Garcia-Quiballo ........ Robert E. Lee HS
Anna Pritchard......... Bishop T.K. Gorman H.S.

Sharyland Utilities Scholarship

The Sharyland Utilities Scholarship was establish to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior from selected rural schools in the Sharyland Utilities service area. The recipient must plan to major in engineering.

2017 Recipient
Kaden Denuyl ................. Greenville High School
Citizen’s 1st Bank
Perkins Family Foundation
State Employees’ Children’s Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of Citizens 1st Bank and the Perkins Family Foundation in appreciation of the dedication of State of Texas employees.

2017 Recipients
Rebecca Crosman.............. West Texas A&M
Elizabeth Dover.............. Sam Houston State
Callie Ivy.......................... Tarleton State

Gerald and Charlie Stoker
Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Stoker were long-time residents of Winnsboro. Family and friends honored them with this scholarship fund.

2017 Recipient
Ruston Bult ..................... Winnsboro High School

Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell Scholarship

The E. H. Caldwell Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 by the family of Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell, a beloved and respected surgeon whose name became synonymous with East Texas medicine.

Throughout his 46-year career in East Texas, Dr. Caldwell earned the respect and love of both his patients and medical colleagues. Motivated by principles of fairness and honesty, as well as high ethical standards, Dr. Caldwell helped found and cultivate the sophisticated level of medicine still associated with East Texas.

The E. H. Caldwell Scholarships are awarded to East Texas residents wishing to pursue or advance careers in nursing.

2017 Recipients
Kelsey Hall............................. University Texas at Tyler
Krista Smith......................... University Texas at Tyler

Emeline Rose........................ Whitehouse HS
Dr. David Braithwaite was a brilliant research chemist and Chairman and CEO of Nalco Chemical Company. He was widely recognized in his field for his expertise and innovations.

Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite’s numerous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community reflect her life-long interest in the arts as well as her love of her fellow East Texans.

David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarships

Braithwaite Scholarship in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology

2017 Recipients

Hunter Ramsey .................. Frankston HS  Anna Ye ...................... All Saints Episcopal

Braithwaite Scholarship in Chemistry

2017 Recipients

Arbab Ahmed ................... Whitehouse HS  Claire Carpenter ..................... Hallsville HS

Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College

2017 Recipients

Jimmy Baisden ............... Tyler Junior College  Jaela Wideman ........... John Tyler High School

Braithwaite Scholarship in Vocational–Technical Study in Medically-Related Fields

2017 Recipients

The East Texas Geological Society is an educational organization working to further knowledge in the field of geology for both its professional members and students. Students who are at least sophomores and have declared a major in geology are eligible for this scholarship.

**2017 Recipients**
Melanie Bowen........................................Texas A&M Univ.  Bethany Rysak..........................................Trinity Univ.
Emma Roquemore.................................Southern Methodist Univ.

The Kristen and Joey Seeber Scholarship was established to honor former Tyler Mayor Joey Seeber and thank his family for his years of service to the City of Tyler. Contributions from hundreds of Tylerites established this fund.

**2017 Recipient**
Carlos Villapudua..............................Robert E. Lee HS

Gary Neel was a very proud and passionate 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and 1976 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

At the time of his death, he was a senior district manager at a major pharmaceutical company. His sensitivity, humility, and quiet strength were manifested in his love for his wife, family, co-workers and friends.

Gary’s love, friendship, and wisdom touched many hearts and made a difference in the lives of all who knew him. Gary’s friends and family established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Gary so that deserving Robert E. Lee High School graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

**2017 Recipient**
Carlos Villapudua..............................Robert E. Lee HS
The Stewarts, life-long residents of Tyler, valued their faith and the role of education in their lives and served as positive role models to young people.

Mrs. Stewart was an educator with Tyler ISD for 40 years. It was the Stewart’s desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character.

**Gladys and Thomas “T.B.” Stewart Scholarship**

**2017 Recipients**

Citol Garcia-Quiballo........Robert E. Lee HS  Ta’Corian Tilley.........................John Tyler HS
Adrian Romero........................John Tyler HS

**Whitehouse Young Farmers Scholarship**

This scholarship fund was established by an ag booster club to help students attend college who have participated in Agricultural Education while attending Whitehouse High School.

**2017 Recipient**

Ruger Stocking..........Whitehouse High School

**Juliette Low’s Amazing Girls Scholarship**

This scholarship honors Doris Riehm for her 65 years of service to Girl Scouts as a troop leader, Chair of the Girl Scouts World Committee and founding member of the International Ulave-Baden Powell Society.

**2017 Recipients**

Kathleen Bochow.........................Bishop T.K. Gorman HS
Elizabeth McKnight...................Bishop T.K. Gorman HS
Lauren Lewis was a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a senior at Texas A & M University in College Station at the time of her death.

Lauren was a devoted Christian who loved Jesus Christ and served her fellow students and community. She was active in the Maggie Women’s Leadership Organization of Texas A&M University and volunteered at a local Boys & Girls Club.

Lauren (La La) lived life with gusto. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate high moral character, leadership and community service.

### 2017 Recipient

Peyton Drain
Robert E. Lee High School

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**Tyler Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship**

Citizens who have participated in the Tyler Police Department’s Citizen Police Academy know first hand the caliber of the City of Tyler’s Police Department.

Reflecting their desire to honor and benefit this wonderful group of civil servants, this scholarship is awarded to dependents of Tyler Police Department employees.

### 2017 Recipient

Ashton Mobley
Tyler Junior College

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**Partners in Arts Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to Smith County graduating seniors who have actively participated in one of the performing or visual arts such as band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater arts or visual art and who plan to major in the visual or performing arts in college.

### 2017 Recipients

Christian Brooks
All Saints HS
Allison Smith
Home School
Winifred K. George Scholarship

Established by Winifred George, this scholarship is to be awarded to a Smith County graduating senior who plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

2017 Recipient
Tamia Williams .................................. John Tyler HS

Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

The Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who has declared a major in the energy industry field. Eligible majors may include one of many degrees offered in engineering or geosciences.

2017 Recipient
Aaron Dees .................................... Tyler Junior College

Sherilyn A. Willis, M.D.
Medical Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Sherilyn’s family to honor her career in medicine.
It was created to help support students in medical school who plan to practice medicine in Texas.

2017 Recipient
Hollie Sheffield
Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine
Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County and selected surrounding school districts who plan to major in business.

2017 Recipients
Katie Baggs...King’s Academy Christian HS  Baylor Payne..........................Lindale HS
Claire Carnes ..................Robert E. Lee HS  Rhiannon Pytlak..................Robert E Lee HS
Jordan Day ..................Brook Hill HS  Abigail Rose..................Robert E Lee HS
Phairen Guinn ..................Brownsboro HS  Corban Sorrells..................Lindale HS
Barrett Nelson.............Grace Community HS

Texas Rose Festival Scholarship

Smith County graduating seniors and current college students are eligible for the Texas Rose Festival Scholarship. The recipient is invited to participate in Rose Sunday events.

2017 Recipient
Laura Lara
Gladewater High School

Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship

Mr. Hamm was active in the oil and gas business. He and Mrs. Hamm enjoyed retirement in Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm chose to give back to that community by funding a scholarship for Bullard High School graduates attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

2017 Recipients
Abigail Ehrman ..........Bullard High School
Alexis Minick ..........Bullard High School
Tim King Memorial Scholarship

Tim King was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He began working for Brookshire Grocery Company at the age of 16 as a bag boy and stocker.

At the time of his death, Tim was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was active in Texas Society of CPAs, Texas Retailers Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Salvation Army, Children’s Advocacy Center, and Tyler Economic Development Council. He was truly a servant leader, but mostly he was a loving husband, father, and son.

Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Tim King for Robert E. Lee High School graduates studying business at the University of Texas.

2017 Recipient
Rhiannon Pytlak.................Robert E. Lee High School

Vision For Your Future Scholarship

Dr. Neisha Rudd established this scholarship in 2016 to encourage and support Smith County students interested in entering the medical profession.

To reflect the donor’s gender and specialty, preference is for female students planning to study optometry, ophthalmology, or other eye-care related specializations.

2017 Recipient
Zoe Nackos ........................................Whitehouse HS
This scholarship was created by a donor who was the son of a Baptist minister. Had it not been for the generosity of lay people in his father’s congregation, the donor would not have been able to attend college.

This scholarship serves as both a tribute to the benefactors who made the donor’s education possible and as a way to make the same kind of investment in promising young people.

It is awarded to dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

2017 Recipients
Anna Pardoe ....................... Whitehouse HS  Greg Sturrock ........ University Texas at Tyler
Layton Sisemore .................. Texas Tech Univ.

Brook Hill Founder’s Scholarship
Steve Dement created this scholarship to enable students attending the college preparatory school he founded, The Brook Hill School, to continue their education at Baylor University where he earned three degrees.

Mr. Dement continues to teach history and government at Brook Hill while also operating Landmark Title and a real estate law practice. His faith guides all these ventures as he models for his students how to honor, serve, and rely upon God in all that they do.

2017 Recipient
Logan Fitzgerald ............................ Brook Hill HS
Ben and Florine Ramsey Scholarship

Mrs. Ramsey established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Ben, who was extremely proud of his hometown of San Augustine, Texas and who believed in the importance of education.

2017 Recipient
Rebeca Landaverde
San Augustine High School

Christopher Lyon Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2007 through the generosity of gifts from the family and friends of Christopher Lyon.

It honors the memory of a young man known for his art, delicate soul, and quirky laugh. Born in 1973 in Greenville, S.C., Chris was an artist by profession. He received his BFA in Drawing, Painting, and Photography from Western Carolina University in 1996 and his MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 where he met his wife Alexis, now an art professor at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Chris died on January 9th, 2007, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. This scholarship was created to remember Chris, encourage young art students, and reward them for their hard work.

2017 Recipient
Joanna Gifford ....... University of Texas at Tyler
Fredrick Michael Nachman Scholarship

Fredrick (Mike) M. Nachman graduated from the University of Texas-Austin with a degree in Business Administration. He served in the Air Force Reserves and he was a University of Texas Exes Life member. He started his career with Leasing Associates, Inc. in 1970 and in 2001 became CEO and sole owner. He was respected for his fair and ethical business practices. Mike loved hunting, fishing, and watching football. He was a loving family man.

Created by the Nachman family in remembrance of their father, this scholarship is awarded to a Smith County or Houston Bellaire High School graduating senior majoring in business at the University of Texas at Austin.

2017 Recipient
Jordan Day........................................Brook Hill HS

Art Excellence Scholarship

An anonymous donor established the Art Excellence Scholarship Fund to provide educational scholarships for primarily non-traditional students pursuing Studio Art or Art History at the University of Texas at Tyler.

2017 Recipient
Jo Beth Cox
University of Texas at Tyler
Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship was established by SPORTyler, Inc. in 2014. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County high schools that participated in varsity athletics program. The intent of the Earl Campbell Scholarship is to encourage student athletes to succeed on and off the field. Recipients should exemplify the following characteristics: integrity, teamwork, sportsmanship, persistence and community involvement.

2017 Recipient
Venisha Harmon .................. Robert E. Lee HS

Kathy’s Kids Scholarship

This scholarship fund is established in honor of Kathy Smith. Born in 1962 with a rare genetic condition known as Seckel Syndrome, Kathy has spent her entire life unable to speak, but communicates very well through body language and audible sounds. She has made a difference in the lives of the residents living at Richmond State School where she has resided since 1974. This scholarship fund honors the life of Kathy Smith by providing educational scholarships to young women in the Longview area who, like Kathy, have faced challenges.

2017 Recipient
Issamar Ibarra............................. Longview HS
Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship

The Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship was established to benefit outstanding students with financial need at Palestine High School. Recipients should demonstrate leadership ability through participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work experience during high school.

2017 Recipient
Kalin Roman .................................. Palestine HS

Glenn and Vivian Prater Memorial Scholarship

Although neither of the Praters were able to attend college due to financial reasons, they were firm believers in education.

Mrs. Prater taught kindergarten before it was part of the public school system. She also sold World Book Encyclopedias.

Mr. Prater was valedictorian of his high school class. His passion was working with Boy Scouts; he mentored 12 Eagle Scouts as a Scoutmaster and received the Woodbadge and Silver Beaver Awards.

This scholarship is to be awarded to an Eagle Scout from Liberty County or an ETCF county accepted to or currently attending Texas A&M University.

2017 Recipient
Matthew Anderson .................. Robert E. Lee HS
Martha J. Critchfield Women in Finance Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor Martha J. Critchfield by her friends, family, and colleagues. She was the first licensed female stockbroker in Tyler, Texas.

Martha retired from her career as a financial advisor in 2016. This scholarship is awarded to a female East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in business in college.

2017 Recipient
Jamie Adams..............................Mt. Pleasant HS

J.L. Gulley, Hr. Texas Tech Scholarship

Established by friends and family to honor Mr. Gulley, this scholarship is supported by an annual memorial golf tournament.

Recipients must follow in the footsteps of the Gulley family by attending Texas Tech University.

2017 Recipient
Aaron Dees ......................... Tyler Junior College

R. Don Cowan Music and Performing Arts Scholarship

R. Don Cowan was a founder of Tyler-based TCA Cable. He and his wife, Frances, appreciated and enjoyed music.

They were strong supporters of the arts in Tyler. This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing music and performing arts studies.

2017 Recipient
Emeline Rose..........................Whitehouse HS
This scholarship was created in memory of Leslie Reid of Murchison who passed away in 2001 from cancer. It was established by her husband, Ron Reid, as a memorial to Leslie’s determination, courage, zest for life, and love of showing horses. Recipients must be female students from Henderson, Smith or Van Zandt County who are currently or have been involved in horse show activities.

2017 Recipient
Kayleigh Taylor ........................... Athens HS

Velma Lemons Future Teacher Scholarship
To honor the long-time teaching career of their mother, the children of Velma Lemons established this scholarship to assist students from Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties who plan to major in education.

Mrs. Lemons’ teaching career spanned 39 years and led her to work at almost every school in Tyler ISD. She also taught Sunday school to toddlers for 60 years.

Mrs. Lemons was very active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, teaching merit badges and supporting her three sons as they all earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1998, she received the Faithful Servant Award from the Boy Scouts for her work in scouting, church, and the community.

2017 Recipient
Jaylon Stewart ......................... University Texas at Tyler
This scholarship was established by the Board of Directors of East Texas Communities Foundation to honor the public service of dedicated peace officers and firefighters.

2017 Recipient
Bailey Brown........Chapel Hill, Mt. Pleasant HS

East Texas Communities Foundation is extremely grateful to the following community members who served on our Scholarship Selection Committees this year. They donate hours of time reading applications, impart valuable insights, and help keep the selection process impartial and objective.

Denice Allen  Jeff Brewer  Regina Childress  Courtney Green
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Kele Blalock  Tyler Campbell  Suzanne Curtis  Carroll Gurganus
Wayne Boshears  Hunter Carr  Steve Dement  Ginger Haberle
Gillian Brasfield  Laura Cauthen  Allene Doggett  Karen Hallmark
Melanie Braughton  Luke Chachere  Sue Duran  Ginny Harleston
Caron Breckel  Allison Chew Syltie  Dana Durman  Penny Heddin

Ezhan Hasan was one of the recipients of the Roy and Betty Erickson Scholarship in 2016. Pictured left to right: Gordon Northcutt, ETCF Board Chairman, Hasan and Kyle Penney, ETCF President.
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Glenn Wiggins
Judy Wilkins
Pattie Willbanks
Sherilyn Willis
Steve Winston
Yvonell Witt
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Ginger Young

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Mackenzie Doke was the recipient of the Lauren Lewis Memorial Scholarship in 2016. Pictured left to right: Gordon Northcutt, ETCF Board Chairman and Ms. Doke.
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