

AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) 2009 Scholarship Program

This year AREA awarded scholarships totaling \$42,500. Although the Board initially approved twelve scholarship awards earlier in the year, it was obvious during the evaluation process that there were more than twelve deserving applicants. The Scholarship Committee asked the board to approve six additional \$1,000 awards. The board unanimously endorsed the proposal. We were able to award scholarship monies to eighteen qualified applicants. I am proud to tell you that \$388,795 in awards has been made to 221 deserving students since the AREA scholarship program's inception in 1985. A brief recap of each 2009 awardees accomplishments and aspirations is shown on the following pages.

This was another banner year for the AREA Scholarship Program. With sixty-six applications received and thirty-nine of those meeting AREA criteria, 2009 proved to be the highest participation rate since the program began. Having said that, I would be remiss if I failed to mention how funds have been and continue to be made available for this outstanding "AAFES Employee Oriented" program. The program garners support from both industry partners and from many within our own ranks who choose to recognize loved ones with a donation to the AREA Scholarship fund. Industry support and individual donations are key factors to the program's past and future success.

Here is a summary of this year's process. All applicants were screened to assure minimum requirements were met. After meeting the "AAFES Employee, Son or Daughter" and minimum academic criteria, each application was assigned a file number used to track applications throughout the evaluation process. Qualified applicant files were reviewed privately by each member of the evaluation committee and ranked using academic achievement, awards, school and outside activity participation, letters of recommendation and finally, an essay themed on "why I deserve this scholarship..."

All scores were aggregated, ties were broken and the award roster finalized. After that, an applicant summary together with the committee's additional awards recommendation was sent to Chuck Poffenbarger, AREA President. The AREA BOD reviewed the committee's recommendations and by vote approved the six additional awards. Chuck Poffenbarger then sent congratulatory letters to each awardee detailing the scholarship.

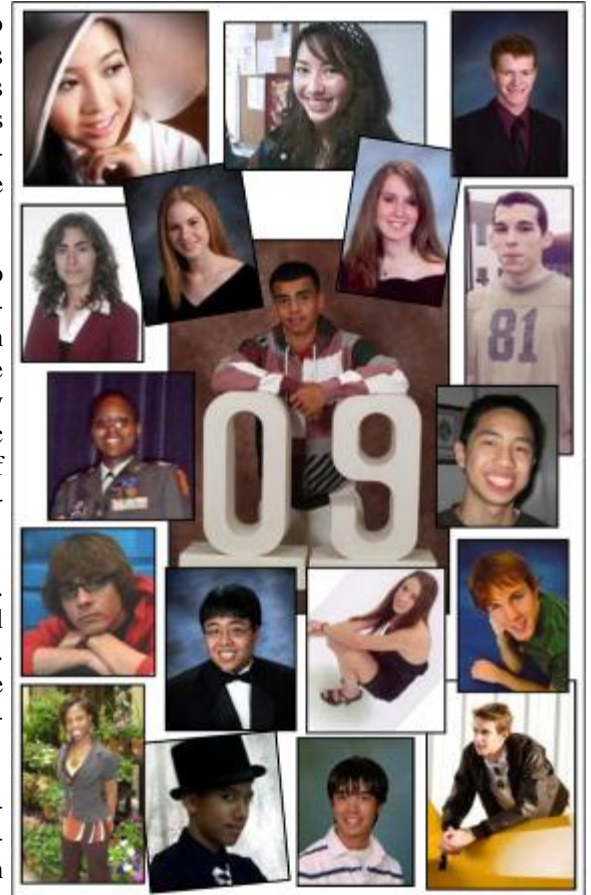
Applicant academic standing was exceptional again this year. All applicants, including those not meeting AREA's minimum scholarship requirements, should be justifiably proud knowing they reflect great credit on themselves and the families that support them. It is obvious that I was impressed with the high quality of each and every applicant and more importantly, committee members were impressed as well. Speaking of the evaluation committee, I personally thank all five members of the committee who voluntarily took time and applied exceptional judgment to the evaluation process. The members are: Jim Sawyer, Duane Walsh, Vivian Skalsky, Richard Sheff, Darryl Richards and Mat Dromey.

And finally, don't forget about next year. If you know a qualifying student entering his or her first college semester in 2010, make sure they review our Scholarship Program at www.aafes.com/area

Regards,



Thomas Gallagher
Director, AREA Scholarship Program





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TO: AREA MEMBERS


One of the best aspects of leading a military command like the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is that we have so many opportunities to meet the dedicated and impressive people we call associates. It's our associates that carry out the day-to-day mission of supporting troops, retirees and their Families.


While taking care of the "Best Customers in the World" is at the heart of the AAFES mission, taking care of our AAFES families is just as important. The AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) does that by supporting the education and advancement of our associate's children.


One of our strategic goals is to build a culture of loyalty within AAFES. Since our associates are our most important asset, we invest a great deal of resources into making them the best they can be. Through this scholarship program, AREA is not only encouraging academic excellence, but also molding and shaping our associate's children into the best they can be. Since 1985, more than 220 young scholars have benefited from your generosity. Rewarding their accomplishments and potential is a way for AAFES to not only positively impact the next generation of future leaders, but also show our associates that loyalty begins with AAFES.

The college years are some of the best times academically and socially for any young adult. Without the support of organizations like AREA, many of these young people would have been denied their academic careers. Your generosity with these endowments will go a long way towards their higher education.

On behalf of the more than 43,000 AAFES associates we have the pleasure of leading congratulations to the winners of AREA'S 2009 scholarship program. You represent the best hopes of your parents, AREA and AAFES. We wish you continued success in your academic careers and in the years to come.


KEITH L. THURGOOD
MG, U.S. Army
Commander


FRANCIS L. HENDRICKS
Brig Gen, USAF
Deputy Commanding General


MIKE HOWARD
Chief Operating Officer

*Thank you
for making a
difference in the
lives of America's
Future Leaders!*
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TRACY HUYNH

\$5,000 Marilyn Iverson Scholarship award

Parents:
Dung and Trang Huynh

High School:
Flower Mound HS
Flower Mound, TX

Career Interest:
Chemical Engineering



MARK BRATTON

\$5,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Larry And Susan Bratton

High School:
Duncanville HS
Duncanville, TX

Career Interest:
Engineering

Tracy, daughter of Dung and Trang Huynh, is the recipient of the 2009 Marilyn Iverson Memorial award. This \$5,000 endowment is given to the top AREA scholarship recipient for outstanding academic achievement and community involvement. This fall Tracy enters college seeking a degree in Chemical Engineering.

During her high school career, Tracy, served as president of the Math UIL Club and VP of the English Honor Society, was a member of the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society was recognized as an Academic Decathlete and was a member of the National Honor society. Tracy received recognition as a member of her school's "Top Scorer Academic Decathlon", participated in a TMCA statewide math competition was commended as a National Merit Scholar and recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction.

In addition to her scholastic accomplishments Tracy found time to tutor elementary school students and serve as a volunteer in the local library while pursuing her interest in sculpture, ceramics and photography.

Mark, the son of Larry and Susan Bratton, has been awarded a \$5,000 AREA scholarship. He enters college this fall seek a degree in Engineering. In his high school career Mark was a member of the National Honor Society, nominated for the National Honor Roll and had membership in Who's Who Among American High School Students. In addition to academic recognition, Mark was recognized by The Midwest Clinic for Outstanding Performance as a member of the wind ensemble in his HS award-winning band.

Outside of school, Mark actively supported his community. He was a volunteer at the DFW National Cemetery; he helped build benches and picnic tables for a local middle school and participated in numerous other community-oriented activities.

While excelling academically and actively contributing to his community, Mark found time to attain Eagle Scout status and become an accomplished baseball player as a four year member of his HS squad.

"It is an honor for Tracy and our family that she was awarded the Marilyn Iverson Scholarship"

Dear Mr. Poffenbarger and Mr. Gallagher

My name is Dung Huynh who works at AAFES HQ. I am writing this email to thank you and the AREA to award the scholarship to my daughter, Tracy Huynh. It is also an honor for Tracy and our family that she was awarded the Marilyn Iverson Scholarship. She was very happy and would like to write Mrs. Iverson a letter to personally thank her. Will there be a way for Tracy to do that?

Once again, we appreciate the Association that helps Tracy personally and all other wonderful students for the brighter future.

Sincerely,

Dung "Young" Huynh
AAFES Logistics Technology Manager



KIMBERLY MICHELLE DEBLOIS

\$4,000 Scholarship award

Parents:
Gregory and Lucy DeBlois

High School:
Timberview HS
Arlington, TX

Career Interest:
Forensic Medicine

Kimberly received a \$4,000 AREA scholarship award. She intends to use that award to pursue a career in Forensics Medicine as she enters college this fall.

Kimberly, the daughter of Gregory and Lucy DeBlois, ranked second in her class of 480, was a member of the National Honor Society for High School Scholars, an AMVETS Award recipient, the Flight Commander of her school's AFJROTC unit and an active member of her HS band. Kimberly was invited to and participated in summer seminars at both the Air Force and Coast Guard Academies during her time in High School.



**KENESHA RENEE
BOURNS**

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Kenneth and Patricia Bourns

High School:

Yokota HS
Yokota AB, JAPAN

Career Interest:

Business Administration

Kenesha, recipient of a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award, is the daughter of Kenneth Earl and Patricia Marie Bourns. She enters college this fall as a Business Administration major.

During her high school career, Kenesha distinguished herself as a member of the High Honor Roll, recipient of the Gold Medal for Spanish Poetry, as battalion Executive Officer of her Army JROTC unit, and as recipient of the JROTC Scholastic Excellence Award, as an JROTC National Sojourners Essay Winner and as recipient of the JROTCS Scholastic Excellence Award.

Aside from her school involvement, Kenesha is quite active within her community. She is a Special Olympics volunteer, tutors younger children as a volunteer in the Read Across America program and volunteers as an Instructor at a base-sponsored basketball camp for children. With all of this, Kenesha found time to play varsity basketball and sing an original song at a Black History Month celebration.



JEREMY CHEN

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Jing Jong and Chyu Chyn Chen

High School:

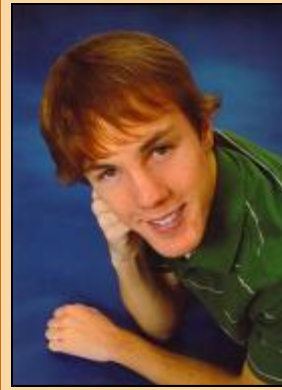
Plano West Senior HS
Plano, TX

Career Interest:

Biology

Jeremy, the recipient of a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Jing Jong and Chyu-Chyn Chen. As Jeremy enters college this fall, he will be pursuing a degree in Biology.

Jeremy is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and his HS's Key Club. While participating in HS band, Jeremy was recognized as a member of the TMEA All Region Orchestra, received solo and ensemble superior ratings and was a named Concert Master of his high school's Legacy Orchestra. In addition to his academic and musical accomplishments, Jeremy is active of his community. He volunteers in community-sponsored therapeutic walking programs, he's a Food Allergy Walk volunteer, he helps with the community Turkey Trot program and volunteers in the God's Food Pantry program at his church.



TRENT BROCK

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Jonathan and Mary Brock

High School:

Fort Campbell HS
Fort Campbell, KY

Career Interest:

TV Broadcasting

Trent, recipient of a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Jonathan and Mary Brock. He plans to study TV Broadcasting in college.

During his time in high school, Trent was a member the National Honor Society, selected KY American Legion Boys' State Delegate, earned an Outstanding Achievement Award from the KY House of Representatives and a received the prestigious Certificate of Recognition from the KY Governor's Scholars Program.

While excelling academically he was active in other areas. Trent was yearbook, editor-in-chief, school TV show producer, a member of his HS Student Council, ran varsity track and played varsity tennis.

In the community, Trent volunteers at a local nursing home, works with Cystic Fibrosis prevention and participates in local canned food drives.



SEAN DIAZ

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Generoso and Olivia Diaz

High School:

The Academy of Irving
Irving, TX

Career Interest:

Biology

Sean received a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Generoso and Olivia Diaz. Sean will enter college this fall as Biology major.

While in high school, Sean was recognized as an AP Scholar, a National Merit Scholar and Medical Specialty Student of the Year. He is a member of the National Honor Society, was designated Senior of the Month and received the ELK's Club Student of the month award. Sean is the Science Olympiad president, a member of the Student Council and captain of his HS's Speech and Debate Team.

Sean received perfect evaluations while working as an intern at a local day-surgery medical facility under a school-sponsored program. Outside the classroom Sean volunteers at his church, plays tennis and pursues his interest in photography.



HEIDI LYNN DINGWELL

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

David and Lynn Dingwell

High School:

South View HS
Hope Mills, NC

Career Interest:

Secondary Education with Math

As Heidi enters college this fall, she will be seeking a Secondary Education degree with emphasis on Math. Heidi, the daughter of David and Lynn Dingwell, received a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award.

During her HS career Heidi garnered the English III honors award, the German I award and was listed on her HS's Honor Roll for four consecutive years.

Heidi is a member of the National Honor Society and the Academy of Scholars. She was an alto in her HS's Chorus and played soccer on the HS team.

Heidi is active in her church and community. She volunteers at the church's nursery and plays on its' softball team. She works with the Girl Scouts and volunteers as a tutor at a local elementary school.

ASHLEY FITZPATRICK

2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

John and Debbie Fitzpatrick

High School:

Plano Senior HS
Plano, TX

Career Interest:

Dual Major: Biology & Spanish



Ashley enters college this fall in pursuit of a dual major: Biology and Spanish.

Ashley, recipient of a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award, is the daughter of John and Debbie Fitzpatrick. She is a member the National Honor Society, sits' on her HS's Student Congress, is an honor student and has earned a Nurse Aid certificate.

She volunteers as a teacher's aide, volunteers as a nurse's aide 25 hrs per week, volunteers at an assisted living center and participates in a program welcoming troops back from war zones. Ashley assists with daily care of an Alzheimer's patient and tutors fourth graders in math and reading. Additionally Ashley pursues an interest in figure skating and in fact is the VP of a local ice skating club.

RYAN ELLIS

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Robert and Christin Ellis

High School:

Aledo HS
Aledo, TX

Career Interest:

Physics - Space Science



Ryan, the recipient of a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Robert and Christin Ellis.

As Ryan enters college this fall, he will be pursuing a Physics-Space Science major. Ryan was chosen by Texas Christian University to participate in its' special astrophysics apprenticeship program at for select high school students. Ryan is a member of the National Honor Society, was Teacher Selected Physic Tutor, selected for the UIL Academic All District Swimming Award and as a four year member of his HS swimming team, won 2 Gold medals a Silver medal and a Bronze medal at a recent region finals competition.

In addition to these accomplishments, Ryan is an Eagle Scout, is active in his church youth group program, mentors young swimmers at the local YMCA and plans will participate in a church-sponsored mission trip this summer.

“My dad has told me about the AREA program since I was 4 years old,”

—Ryan Ellis

President Poffenbarger, Mr. Gallagher,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the AAFES Area Scholarship award. My dad has told me about the AREA program since I was 4 years old and what an honor for me to live up to the requirements for the AREA Scholarship.

I'm looking forward to my freshman year at UTSA and then I move up to UT Austin the following school year where I will major in Physics. I'm currently finishing up my private pilot license and looking for a short summer break before I head off to my next venture in life. Thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for the military and their families and the wonderful efforts you continue to support for AAFES families.

Very Respectfully,

Ryan C. Ellis

**CHASE HATTERSLEY**

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Kevin Hattersley and Lisa Lamars

High School:Nolan Catholic HS
Fort Worth, TX**Career Interest:**

Film and English

Chase received a \$2,500 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Kevin Hattersley and Lisa Lamars. Kevin will be pursuing a degree in Film as he enters college this fall.

Chase, a National Honor Society member, garnered recognition during his high school career as a National Merit Finalist and recipient of the prestigious Rensselaer Medal for outstanding achievement in math and science. He was also recognized for outstanding achievement in Biology, was listed on the "Academic Highest Honors Roll" throughout HS and was selected moderator for school-sponsored English and literature forums.

Chase was Sergeant at Arms for his German club, an officer in the poetry club and a member of the ecology club.

In his free time, Chase volunteers at community-sponsored events, works with his church's youth camp and pursues an interest in movie collecting.

**CELESTE BRITTANY MENCHACA**

\$2,500 Scholarship award

Parents:

Arthur and Teresa Menchaca

High School:Killeen HS
Killeen, TX**Career Interest:**

Advertising

Celeste is the daughter of Arthur Lewis and Teresa-Willett Menchaca. Having been awarded a \$2,500 AREA Scholarship, Ashley enters college this fall seeking a degree in Advertising.

Celeste is a member of the National Honor Society, sits' on the Student Council, is president of both the Art and Film Clubs and is an active member of the Debate Team.

She is listed on her HS Honor Roll, is designated an AP Scholar and recognized as "Scholar" by the National Hispanic Program Recognition and earned a posting on her high school's Wall of Honor.

Celeste supports her community by volunteering at the local library, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and by helping with her community's beautification programs. On top of all of that, Celeste ranks fourth in her class of 338.

**TERRILYN BRADLEY**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Ronald and Monica Chidester

High School:Rockwall HS
Rockwall, TX**Career Interest:**

Dual Major: Accounting & Marketing

Terrilyn, recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, is the daughter of Ronald and Monica Chidester. Terrilyn plans to enter college this fall seeking a double major in Accounting and Marketing.

In high school, Terrilyn was a member of both the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. She was an AP Scholar, an All American Scholar, a National Achievement Scholar and was a Who's Who Award winner. Terrilyn was a member of her HS's Youth & Government organization, a member of Key Club International and a DECA Historian officer.

Outside of school, Terrilyn volunteered in the Girls Reaching Out program and was a member of her church's dance team.

**JOHN MICHAEL CASE**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Thomas and Lucina Case

High School:O'Fallon Township HS
O'Fallon, IL.**Career Interest:**

Music Education

John received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Thomas and Lucina Case. John will enter college in the fall seeking a Music Education degree.

John, a National Honor Society member, was recognized separately for Academic Excellence by both senators from Illinois and he was selected as a State Scholar by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. In addition to being listed on its Honor Roll, John sat on his high school's Student Council, was a member of its' marching band, was a member of its' Robotics Team and a member of its' Jazz band.

When he's away from school, John works as a volunteer at a Shriners hospital and at a local children's center.

**SARAH CATLIN GLENN**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Todd and Katherine Glenn

High School:

Mansfield HS
Mansfield, TX.

Career Interest:

Sarah, recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, enters college this fall seeking a degree in Animal Science. Sarah is the daughter of Todd and Katherine Glenn..

Sarah is an active member of her high school's FFA club. During her HS career she excelled at various FAA and United Kennel Club competitions. In that time she rated 11th in an Entomology Regional Contest, her hen took 3rd in a local FFA poultry competition and her dogs won Best Male, Best Female and Best In Show at United Kennel Club competitions.

Sarah also excelled in sports. She made the 1st team All-District and 2nd team All-State basketball teams. Outside of school, Sarah participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program and works as a nursery volunteer at her church.

**BO RYAN PORTILLO**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Jon and Kelly Portillo

High School:

Biloxi HS
Biloxi, MS.

Career Interest:

Chemical Engineering

Bo received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. He is the son of Jon and Kelly Portillo. Bo will be entering college this fall as a Chemical Engineer major.

In his high school career, Bo excelled in science and mathematics. In that time, he was a finalist in the Mississippi Science and Mathematics Tournament Division I competition. In another Mississippi Science and Mathematics Tournament, he was in the top 10% for Biology and the top 15% in Math. Bo also received the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) and Limelight awards from his HS. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was recognized for achieving a 4.0 GPA throughout his four year HS career. Bo is the Director of Madrigal Choir, a member of the Show and Chamber choirs and VP of the Junior Civitans Club. When Bo is not at school he is providing math tutoring and pursuing his musical interests.

**BRUCE JONES, JR.**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Bruce and Analy Jones

High School:

Fountain - Ft. Carson HS
Fountain, CO

Career Interest:

Astronomy & Mathematics

Bruce received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. Bruce, son of Bruce and Analy Jones, enters college in pursuit of a dual major in Astronomy and Mathematics.

During his time in high school Bruce attained membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, received Distinguished Honors recognition, was an honor student and received a Certificate of Recognition from the Congressional Leadership Conference.

Bruce as a member of his HS soccer team received an All-Region Honorable Mention and on two occasions, was selected to the Academic All-State First Team (Varsity Soccer). Outside school, Bruce volunteers as a soccer coach and is an active member of his church youth group.

**STEVIE RAY ROBINSON**

\$1,000 Scholarship award

Parents:

Carl and Josephine Robinson

High School:

Millennium HS
Goodyear, AZ.

Career Interest:

Computer Science

Stevie, the son of Carl and Josephine Robinson, received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. As he enters college in the fall, Stevie will major in Computer Science.

During high school, Stevie distinguished himself as an AP Scholar, as a member of the National Honor Society and as the recipient of the prestigious Arizona State University Presidential Scholarship.

Also noteworthy, Stevie was a founding member of the Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honors Society at his HS and a four member of its' varsity marching and concert band.

During non-school hours, Stevie is active in his church as a member of its youth group and pursues his musical interests as a drummer in a local band.