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To: Friends and Supporters of the AREA Scholarship Program

One of the best aspects of leading a military command like the Exchange is the number of opportunities we have to meet associates around the world while taking the Exchange benefit to the military families we serve. Whether in the deserts of Iraq, Afghan mountains, or the coastline near an environmental disaster, strong bonds form between our team members as they carry out the day-to-day mission of supporting Soldiers, Airmen, retirees, and their families.

As a result, the word "family" tends to carry a deeper meaning for Exchange associates. While for most, "family" means brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, etc., within the Exchange, "family" also includes co-workers, managers, and associates who may not have even met one another but are deployed around the world with a common purpose. As the Exchange "family" continues to grow, our bonds are strengthened even as we continue to add new members.


Finding qualified applications to join our family is important to the Exchange's future, and the Retired Employees Association (AREA) is making that goal more attainable by supporting the education needs of our associates' children through the AREA Scholarship Program. This program, by encouraging academic excellence, is molding and shaping our associates' children to be the best they can be.

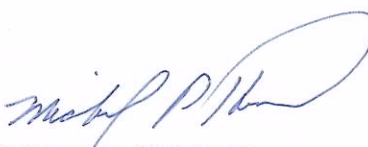
Since 1985, 273 young scholars have benefited from your generosity. By rewarding their accomplishment and potential, AREA and the Exchange not only positively impact the next generation of future leaders, but also shows our associates that loyalty truly begins with the Exchange.

College years are some of the most challenging for young adults. Those years are also the most rewarding, memorable and formative times in a young scholar's life. Without the support of organizations like AREA, many of our young "family" members would have been denied academic careers. Your continuing generosity in support of these AREA endowments will go a long way toward supporting the "family's" higher education needs.

To our well deserving scholarship winners, on behalf of the more than 43,000 Exchange associates, we have the pleasure of leading; we congratulate each winner of AREA's 2012 scholarships. Each of you represents the best hopes of your parents, AREA and the Exchange. We - the collective Exchange Family - wish all of you continued success in your academic careers and in the years beyond.

While serving those who serve, making Soldiers' and Airmen's lives better, taking care of the Exchange families is just as important. Thank you!


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Chief Operating Officer

AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) 2012 Scholarship Program

This year AREA awarded scholarships totaling \$47,000. 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 seven additional awards. The board unanimously endorsed the proposal. We were able to award scholarships to nineteen of the twenty-five qualified applicants. I am proud to tell you that awards totaling \$522,795 have been made to 273 deserving students since the AREA scholarship program began in 1985. A brief recap of awardees' accomplishments and aspirations is shown below.

This was another banner year for the AREA Scholarship Program. With forty applications received and twenty-five of those meeting AREA criteria, 2012 was one of the highest participation rate campaigns 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's a brief description of how the program worked this year. First, each application was screened to assure minimum requirements were met. After meeting the "AAFES Employee, Son or Daughter" and minimum academic criteria, each application was given a unique number to track it as it moved through the process. The files were then sent to seven scholarship committee members for review. Each member scored and ranked the files against five criteria: Academic honors and achievement, School Activities, Outside of School Activities, Letters of Recommendation and An Essay Themed on "...Why I deserve this scholarship..." All scores were aggregated and an award roster finalized. After that, the roster and committee recommendations were forwarded to Chuck Poffenbarger, AREA President. Chuck in turn sent the packet to AREA BOD members for consideration. BOD members reviewed the recommendations and by vote approved the twelve basic and seven additional awards. Chuck then sent scholarship notification letters to each recipient.

Applicant academic standing was exceptional again this year. All applicants, including those not meeting AREA's minimum scholarship requirements, should be proud knowing they reflect great credit on themselves and the families supporting them. Obviously I was impressed with the high quality of each applicant but more importantly, committee members were also impressed. This year the evaluation committee was again made up of volunteers taking time to apply exceptional judgment to the evaluation process. I personally thank Jim Sawyer, Maggie McGee, Vivian Skalsky, Richard Sheff, Darryl Richards, Don Smith and Mat Dromey for an outstanding effort again this year.

And finally, don't forget about next year. If you know a qualifying student entering his or her first college semester in 2013, make sure they review our Scholarship Program at [http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/AREA/...](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/AREA/)

!!! AREA loves to award scholarships to deserving students !!!

Regards,



Thomas Gallagher
Director, AREA Scholarship Program



Kristi Tamberelli: Kristi, the daughter of Lou and Kerri Tamberrilli, is the recipient of the 2012 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 Kristi enters UT Austin school of business seeking a degree in Business Administration. During her career at Creekview High School in Carrollton, Texas, Kristi distinguished herself in many areas but law seemed to be her forte. She competed in mock trials and placed 2nd in both state and regionals. She was nominated to be featured in the Dallas Morning News article about outstanding students in the DFW area, was a member of the National Honor Society and found time to Co-Captain her High School volleyball team, volunteer in a local Soup Kitchen and at her church, she babysat children in the nursery and participated in several church-sponsored mission trips.



Angelina Huggins: Angelina is the daughter of Barry Huggins and Janet Kennedy. Having been awarded a \$5,000 AREA Scholarship, Angelina enters college this fall seeking a degree in Business Administration. During her time at Martin High School in Arlington Texas, she was a member of the Distinguished Graduate Achievement Program and a member of the French National Honor Society. Angelina was an active member of her HS Theatre Arts Group, its' Choral team and its' Junior World Affairs Council. Outside of school she volunteered as a translator for Russian orphans at a local adoption agency, volunteered in the Arlington, Texas Mission and volunteered as the 4th grader volleyball coach at the local YMCA.



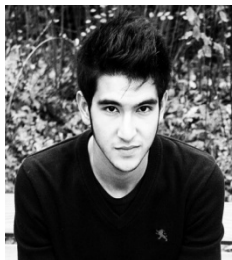
Lauren Egan: As Lauren enters college this fall she will be seeking a degree in Chemical Engineering. Lauren, the daughter of Brian and Carol Egan, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. In her time at Highland Park HS in Dallas she was a member of six National Honor Societies and acted as the Treasurer of the Science Nation Honor Society. She also served as Senior Editor for the HS yearbook and was a member of the Highland Belles drill team when it won national and state championships. Lauren was active in her community as well. She volunteered as a vacation bible school teacher, was a member of a Congressman's leadership and growth program and was not only an active member of the National

Charity League but acted as it's treasurer.



Jessy D. Pritchett: As Jessy enters college this fall he will be seeking a degree in Business Management. Jessy, the son of William and Sharon Linnartz, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. While attending Crest Ridge HS in Centerville, Mo, Jessy distinguished himself both scholastically and athletically. He was listed on the Principal's Honor Roll and honored for attaining 99% on his MAP scores. On the athletic side, Jessy lettered and captained the football team and earned letters in basketball and track at Crest Ridge HS. Outside of school, Jessy volunteered at a local food kitchen, acted as an usher at his church and volunteered as a referee

of a youth football league.



Evan Alarilla: Evan enters college this fall in pursuit of a Civil Engineering degree. Evan, recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Moreno and Sema Alarilla. While attending Wiesbaden HS in Germany, Evan was recognized as a National HS Scholar, received an AP Scholar award and was a member of the Nation Honor Society. He was also recognized for his athletic prowess when he received the Wiesbaden HS Tennis MVP award, a team he captained for the four years he attended Wiesbaden HS. Away from school, Evan donated his time at the MWR youth center teaching soccer and tennis and spent time performing at local

events as an accomplished guitarist.



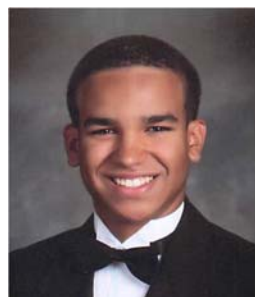
Mhairi Terra: Mhari, the daughter of John and Catherine Terra, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. She intends to use that award to pursue a career in International Studies as she begins her college career this fall. Mhari while at Wiesbaden HS in Germany, was a four year honor roll member and distinguished herself academically by receiving the American Legion Scholastic Medal and scoring a perfect five on both the AP US History and Language and Composition exams. On the athletic field, Mhari lettered in track, cross-country and softball. In her spare time she volunteered at an Alzheimer's care center and at the Wiesbaden Army community center.



Erica Ripley: Erica is the daughter of William and Paula Ripley. With a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship in hand, Erica enters college this fall seeking a degree in Chemical Engineering. Erica is a recipient of several awards while attending Lakenheath HS in Lakenheath England. Four years in a row she was recognized as a Commander's All-Around Performer, was listed on the Principal's Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was the president of: 1. The Student-to Student program, 2. Future Educators Association and 3. The National Honor Society chapter at Lakenheath HS. She captained her HS tennis team as well as its' softball team. Outside of school, Erica volunteered as a Peer Tutor and worked with the on-base chapter of the Red Cross.



Kassandra J. Stillwell: Kassandra received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. As she embarks on her college career this fall, Kassandra intends to use that award to pursue a career in Secondary Education with an English concentration. Kassandra, the daughter of Kenneth and Kimberly Stillwell, has been recognized with the "Student of The Month" scholastic award from her HS and was a member of the National Honor Society during her time at New Egypt HS in New Egypt NJ. She was also an active participant in school-related activities: She was a student government representative, served on the yearbook staff and was a varsity starter and captain of both her HS Soccer and Lacrosse teams. Outside of the classroom Kassandra volunteered at her church vacation bible study school and acted as a counselor at the New Egypt Warrior Day Camp.



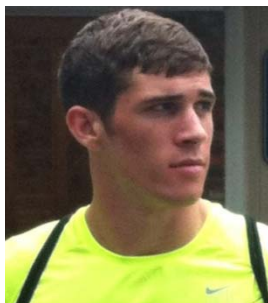
Kristofer Xavier Holguin: Kristofer, the recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Freddy and Norma Holguin. He enters college this fall pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering. Kristofer attended Niceville HS in Niceville, Florida. While there, he was given the "Anne T. Mitchell Award" for achieving a GPA weighted average above 4.0 and was recognized with the "FCAT Outstanding Distinction Math/Reading/Writing". In his HS years, Kristofer was a National Honor Society member, a member of the Key Club and a member of the Service International Club. Outside the HS setting, Kristofer was a volunteer at the Eglin AFB youth center and acted as president of the "Youth Corps Leadership/Community Service Group" at the air base.



Michelle Yi: Michelle is the daughter of David and Junei Yi. Having been awarded a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship, Michelle enters college this fall seeking a degree in Computer Animation. During her HS career at Coppell HS in Coppell Texas, Michelle lit up the boards with art-oriented awards: On two occasions she received "Texas Visual Art Scholastic Medals" (Statewide award), was a Congressional Art Competition winner and took 1st place in the NE Tarrant County Art Contest and 1st place in the Young Masters art competition. Michelle was member of the National Art Honor Society, acted as the coordinator of her HS' "For the Children Club" and volunteered as a substitute teacher for a children's art class.



Michelle Mundt: Michelle enters college this fall seeking a degree in English. Michelle, the daughter of Gary and Jacque Mundt, received a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award. During her time at South Jefferson HS in Adams, NY, Michelle was a member of the National Honor Society, received the New York State Music Association Award and was recognized as Student of the Month. She was a member of the Key Club, an active member of the South Jefferson HS "All State" Chorus and was chosen to be a member of its' Swing Chorus. She also ran track for her HS. In that endeavour she garnered the All Northerner Athletic Conference Award. Away from the classroom, Michelle volunteered with the Salvation Army and as an aide at a local nursing home.



Joseph E.M. Bussiere: Joseph, the recipient of a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Thomas and Barbara Bussiere. As Joseph enters college this fall he will be pursuing a degree in Kinesiology. Joseph spent his HS career at Parkway HS in Bossier City, LA. In his time there, he was listed on the Honor Roll and was a member of the French Club. Joseph also distinguished himself as an award winning HS athlete. He was a varsity wrestler and a member of the varsity football squad. He was selected to the 1st Team All Region-Wrestling squad and earned an award as State Runner Up For Wrestling. Off the field, Joseph volunteered with the Meals-On Wheels program and participated in The-Relay-For-Life fund raiser.



John Norton: John, recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Gerlad and Lynn Norton. He enters college this fall as an Engineering major. During his time at Ayer-Shirley HS in Ayer Massachusetts, John was a member of the National Honor Society, received the "Spanish IV Honors" award and was recognized with the St. Michael's College Book Award. John also represented his HS as a "Destination Imagination Tournament" volunteer and on the athletic field as a member of the track and field and cross country teams. Away from the classroom, John gave back to his community by volunteering at a local senior center, participating in the "Walk For Breast Cancer" fund raiser and tutoring middle school trumpet students.



Kedemah Evans: Kedemah received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. She intends to use that award to pursue a career in International Relations and Music. Kedemah, the daughter of Ebed and Tiffany Evans, attended Irma Rangel Womens Leadership High School in Dallas Texas. While in HS, she received awards for: AP Scholar, Woman of Valor and Leadership. Kedemah was a member of the International Book Club, the Key Club, the GEO Club and served on the student council. She served as a student leader at her church and volunteered at a local nursing home.



Heather Marie Dingwell: Heather is the daughter of David and Lynn Dingwell. Having been awarded a \$1,000 AREA Scholarship, Heather enters college this fall seeking a degree in Nursing. Heather attended Southview HS in Hope Mills NC. During her HS career, Heather was a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Academically Gifted program, listed on the Honor Roll and was a member and secretary of "HOSA". Heather represented Southview HS as a member of its' varsity soccer team and varsity volleyball squad. She gave back to her community by donating time as a classroom volunteer and at her church she participated as a nursery volunteer.



Devante Jemahl Owens: Devante, recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Christopher and Sun Owens. He enters college this fall as a Petroleum Engineering major. He attended Ben Eielson HS on Eielson AFB Alaska. While attending HS Devante was listed on the Honor Roll, was selected as Student of the Month, won the "PTSA Reflections Award" - a statewide art competition and placed 3rd in the "Poetry for Spanish Declamation" competition. Devante was a member of his HS soccer and tennis teams and away from school, volunteered as an "After School Tutor".



Carl Wu: Carl received a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award. As he embarks on his college career this fall, Carl intends to use that award to pursue a career in Aerospace Engineering. Carl, the son of Wilson and Joy Wu, attended Plano Senior HS in Plano Texas. In HS, Carl was a member of the National Honor Society and served as an officer on the Student Congress. He represented his HS as a drummer in the HS marching band and in fact was selected as "Best Marcher" in his freshman year. Carl gave back to his community by donating time as a church volunteer and volunteering as a counselor at a community sponsored youth camp



Gregory Cervenka: Gregory, recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Gary and Patrica Chervenka. He enters college this fall seeking a Biology/PreMed degree. During his time at Bishop Dunne Catholic HS in Dallas Texas, Gregory was listed on the Honor Roll, received an AP Scholar award and garnered the "Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Competition Award". He was a member of the Ecology Club, the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Club and a member of his HS Advanced Strings Group as a violinist. After school he volunteered at both the Bishop Dunne Catholic HS and the Red Oak Community libraries.



Cody Christopher Olivares: Cody, the recipient of a \$1,000 AREA scholarship award, is the son of Adam and Lisa Olivares. He enters college this fall pursuing a degree in Biology/PreMed. Cody attended Cedar Hill Collegiate HS in Cedar Hill Texas. While in HS, Cody was a National Merit Hispanics Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, the Phi theta Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. He was a member of the Soulful Dreams Club and the Games Club and volunteered over 260 hours through the Cedar Hill Booster Club. He helped paint a woman's safe house as part of a church group, and volunteered at the local "Care For Animals" animal shelter.