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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 I 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 work "family" tends to carry a deeper meaning for Exchange associates. While for most "family" means brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, etc., within AAFES "family" also includes co-workers, managers, and associates who may not have even met but are deployed around the world with common purpose. As the AAFES "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 Exchanges' 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, 254 young scholars have benefited from your generosity. By rewarding their accomplishment and potential, AREA and the Exchange not only positively impacts 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 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.

On behalf the more than 43,000 Exchange associates we have the pleasure of leading; I congratulate each winner of AREA's 2011 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 us is at the heart of the Exchange mission, taking care of the Exchange families is just as important. Thank you!

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Chief Operating Officer

AREA Scholarship Program awards \$45,000 in 2011

This year AREA awarded scholarships totaling \$45,000. 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 four additional awards. The board unanimously endorsed the proposal. We were able to award scholarships to sixteen of the thirty-three qualified applicants. I am proud to tell you that awards totaling \$475,795.00 have been made to 254 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 fifty-three applications received and thirty-three of those meeting AREA criteria, 2011 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, 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 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 recommendation 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 four 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 who support them. Obvious I was impressed with the high quality of each applicant but more importantly, committee members were equally 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, Duane Walsh, 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 high school senior entering his or her first college semester in 2012, make sure they review our Scholarship Program at www.shopmyexchange.com/Community/

Regards,

Thomas Gallagher
Director, AREA Scholarship Program

KELSEY BOVA RECEIVES \$5,000 MARILYN IVERSON SCHOLARSHIP



KELSEY ROSS BOVA
\$5,000 Marilyn Iverson
Scholarship Award

Parents:
Michael & Rochelle Bova

High School:
Dutchtown HS, Hampton, GA.

Career Interest:
English-Creative Writing

ship recipient for outstanding academic achievement and community involvement. In the fall Kelsey enters college seeking a degree in English-Creative Writing.

During her time at Dutchtown HS in Hampton, GA Kelsey distinguished herself in many areas. She was on the Honor Roll each year, was a 2010 Georgia Certificate of Merit winner, was recognized with a "Best Overall Subject Award" for both English and Spanish and received the Dutchtown HS "Top Dog" award for English drama.

In addition to these prestigious awards, Kelsey found time to volunteer with senior citizens, act as youth worship/band/drama leader at her church and participate in many community sponsored activities in Henry County Georgia.

Kelsey is the third member of her family to win an AREA Scholarship; for more on the Bova sisters story, see p. 16.

Kelsey Bova, daughter of Michael and Rochelle Bova, is the recipient of the 2011 Marilyn Iverson Memorial award. This \$5,000 endowment is given to the top AREA scholar-



BROOKE MCDONALD
\$5,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Kevin & Jeanne McDonald

High School:
James Martin HS
Arlington, TX

Career Interest:
Environmental Engineering

Brooke Allyn McDonald: Brooke is the daughter of Kevin and Jeanne McDonald. Having been awarded a \$5,000 AREA Scholarship, Brooke enters college this fall in pursuit of an Environmental Engineering degree.

Brooke garnered many accolades while attending James W. Martin HS in Arlington, TX. She was a member of the Nation Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and a nominee to the National Society of High School Scholars. Brooke sat on the Martin HS President's Council, was her class representative on the Student Council for three consecutive years and was a mentor to elementary school students.

Brooke also found time to give back to her community by working with the "Mission Arlington", a city-sponsored program, and the Salvation Army. She was also active in her church where she volunteered for "Catholic Charities" and "Spirit of Hope" initiatives.

Kim, Seung Won: Seung Won attended Green Hope HS in Cary, NC. The son of Kim, Chin Tong and Kwon, Mi Hyang, Seung Won enters college this fall as Chemistry major with a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship in hand.

In high school he was a National Honor Society member, was a semi-finalist in the Governor's Honor Program, was recognized with an Academic Letter of Distinction, received the Alpha Scholar Award and earned the Teacher's Honor Student Award. Seung Won was a member of the Science Club, the National Beta Club and a member of Mu Alpha Theta at Green Hope HS.

Outside of the classroom, Seung Won was a Green Hope HS booster, volunteered at St. Francis Hospital, was an active member of his church choir and volunteered with the Duval House, a facility devoted to aiding the disabled.



KIM, SEUNG WON
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Kim, Chin Tong &
Kwon, Seung Won

High School:
Green Hope HS
Cary, NC.

Career Interest:
Chemistry

Shannon Auvil, the daughter of James and Michelle Auvil, was awarded a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship. Shannon intends to major in Public Relations when she enters college in the fall.

Shannon attended Midlothian HS in Midlothian, TX where she was an AP Scholar, a National Commended Scholar, was recognized as the Texas Photo Editor of the Year and garnered, among other things, a first place "Photo Portfolio" award and was designated "Design MVP" in a regional journalism competition. She was editor-in-chief of the HS newspaper, yearbook editor and a member of the Science Club.

Outside of school, Shannon volunteered with the North Texas Food Bank and at the community SPCA facility.



SHANNON AUVIL
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
James & Michelle Auvil

High School:
Midlothian HS
Midlothian, TX.

Career Interest:
Public Relations

Andres Domingo Anzola: Andres, the son of Domingo and Patricia Anzola, is the recipient of an AREA \$3,000 scholarship award. He will use the award to seek a degree in International Relations as he enters college in the fall.

His family is stationed at RAF Lakenheath in the UK where Andres attended HS. While at Lakenheath HS, Andres was listed on the Principal's Honor Roll, was a member of the National Honor Society, received the RAF Commander's Award as a junior and was recognized as an AP Scholar. Andres was a member of the Student Government, was a member of the "Model United States Senate" and a member of The Future Business Leaders of America at Lakenheath HS.

Outside the classroom Andres volunteered as a peer tutor and in his church, he taught in the Vacation Bible School program and was an active member of the Church Youth Group.



ANDRES ANZOLA
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Domingo & Patricia Anzola

High School:
Lakenheath HS
Lakenheath, UK.

Career Interest:
Internal Relations



NICOLE MCDUGAL
\$3,000 Scholarship award

Parents:
Joseph & Christine McDougal

High School:
Mansfield HS
Mansfield, TX.

Career Interest:
Clinical Psychology/
Social Services

Nicole Angelique McDougal: Nicole is receiving a \$3,000 AREA Scholarship award. She is the daughter of Joseph H. and Christine E. McDougal. Nicole will be seeking a degree in Clinical Psychology/Social Services as she enters college later this year.

Nicole attended Mansfield HS in Mansfield, TX where she excelled academically. While in HS, Nicole was a member of the National Junior Classical League Latin Honor Society, recognized as an Outstanding Pre-AP German Student and was commended for her performance on the "Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills" initiative. Nicole was the Secretary of the German Club and was a volunteer on the Mansfield High School Literary Magazine.

Nicole is an active member of her church: a member of the choir, a member of the Peer Ministry Team and a volunteer at the St. Jude Fall Festival.

Arman Alarilla: Arman received a \$3,000 Area scholarship which he intends to use in seeking a Major in Business Administration upon entering college this fall. Arman, the son of Moreno Luis and Sema Ayse Alarilla, attended Wiesbaden HS in Wiesbaden, Germany. While in HS, Arman distinguished himself with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Special Academic award from Wiesbaden HS. He was a member of the National Honor Society, was the Class Treasurer as a sophomore and Class Vice President as a senior. Arman was a member of the Wiesbaden HS Soccer and track teams.

Outside the class room, Arman volunteered as a tutor, was the representative to the Army Family Action Plan group and on his own initiative, founded and became tutor to the "Teen Center Guitar Club"(a service to his military community).



ARMAN ALARILLA
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Moreno Luis & Sema Ayse Alarilla

High School:
Wiesbaden HS
Wiesbaden, Germany

Career Interest:
Business Administration



VICTORIA LYNN WALL
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Michael & Nancy Wall

High School:
Hanis County HS
Hamilton, GA.

Career Interest:
International Relations/
International Business

Victoria Lynn Wall: Victoria received a \$3,000 Area scholarship. Victoria, the daughter of Michael and Nancy Wall, attended Hanis County HS in Hamilton, GA. Upon graduation she will be seeking a degree in International Relations / International Business as she embarks on her college career this fall.

As a HS student, Victoria was a member of the National Honor Society, was a member of the Outstanding Sophomore Future Business Leaders of America and was listed on the Hanis County HS "ALL A's and Bs Honor Roll".

Out of the classroom she was selected to the GMEA All District Honor Band. She was recognized by her church as Teacher of the Year for her outstanding work in her church Sunday school program.



Taylor Diane Peterson:

Taylor, the daughter of Carl and Kathy Peterson, received an AREA \$3,000 scholarship award. She enters college this fall seeking a degree in Zoology/Marine Biology.

While attending The Colony HS in The Colony, TX., she was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, she served as Orchestra Librarian while actively participating as a member her HS band.

Outside of school Taylor worked as a volunteer with underprivileged children and was active at her church where she taught Bible school.



TAYLOR PETERSON
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Carl & Kathy Peterson

High School:
Colony HS
Colony, TX.

Career Interest:
Zoology/Marine Biology

Jennifer Lynn Rivera: Jennifer is the daughter of Augustine and Gloria Rivera. She enters college this fall with a \$3,000 AREA scholarship in hand.

Jennifer attended Papillion-La Vista South HS in Papillion, NE. While there she distinguished herself academically. She was a member of the National Honor Society, received The President's Education Award, was honored with "The Award for Academic Excellence", selected for the True Titan award and was invited to participate in The Nebraska Achievement Banquet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Outside the classroom, Jennifer was a member of her HS track & field and cross country teams. Jennifer also found time to give back to her community by volunteering with the Open Door Mission, UNICEF and with a senior citizens group.



JENNIFER RIVERA
\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:
Augustine & Gloria Rivera

High School:
Papillion-La Vista South HS
Papillion, NE.

Career Interest:
Undecided


ALEXANDER ZERMENO

\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parents:

Francisco & Ayfer Zermeno

High School:

Kadena HS
Kadena, OK

Career Interest:

Journalism

Alexander Murat Zermeno: Alexander enters college this fall with a \$3,000 AREA scholarship award in hand. He will be seeking a Journalism degree as he embarks on his college career this fall.

Alexander, the son of Francisco and Ayfer Zermeno, attended Kadena HS while stationed overseas with his family at Kadena AB in Okinawa, Japan. In HS Alexander was honored with 2nd and 3rd place prize awards given by the Far East Journalism Society for excellence in that field and he received recognition from Kadena HS for arranging its homecoming halftime show. He was a member of the Music Honor Society, the "Student Life Editor" for the HS yearbook and the "Entertainment Editor" and "Editor-in-Chief" for the HS Panther Prowl Staff.

James Clayton Finley: James attended Timberview HS in Arlington, TX.

The son of James Dale and Lori Lynn Finley, James will enter college this fall with a \$3,000 Area scholarship in hand and his eye on a Pharmacy degree. At Timberview HS he worked in various "Pharmacy-related" programs. James was in the Pharmacy Technician Program, the Intern Program at Arlington Neurosurgical/Spine Center and participated in the Intern program at Huguley Memorial Medical Center.

Outside of academics James found time to volunteer as a PTA fund raiser, participate on the Timberview HS cross country and track teams as well as being an active member of its' swim team.


JAMES FINLEY

\$3,000 Scholarship Award

Parent: James Dale & Lori Lynn Finley

High School:

Timberview HS
Arlington, TX.

Career Interest:

Pharmacy


CHARLES VAUGHAN

\$1,250 Scholarship Award

Parents:

Mark & Charlotte Vaughan

High School:

Maypearl HS
Maypearl, TX.

Career Interest:

Pre-med

Charles Connor Vaughan: Charles, the son of Mark and Charlotte Vaughan, received a \$1,250 Area scholarship award. Charles has been recognized by Baylor University with a Gold Merit Scholarship. He enters college this fall as a Pre-Med student.

Charles attended Maypearl HS in Maypearl, TX. where he was a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Maypearl Academic Student Government. While attending Maypearl HS Charles received "Academic All-District" and "Academic All-State" awards. He was also an accomplished HS athlete having participated as a member of the basketball, football and track & field teams.

Charles found time to give back to the community by volunteering with Special Olympics, Cancer Awareness Relay for Life and working with the homeless at the East Dallas Shelter.



JULIANNA HOLLOWAY

\$1,250 Scholarship Award

Parents:

Keith & Ivette Holloway

High School:

Cooper HS
Abilene, TX.

Career Interest:

English, with focus on creative writing

Julianna Nicole Holloway: Julianna, after attending Cooper HS in Abilene TX., enters college this fall seeking an English degree with a focus on creative writing.

Julianna, the daughter of Keith and Ivette Holloway, has received a \$1,250 AREA scholarship award. Julianna distinguished herself both academically and athletically while at Cooper HS. She was a member and officer of the National Honor Society, a member of the Spanish and Calculus Clubs and a member of the Cooper HS two time 4-4A championship tennis team.

Julianna also found time to volunteer with the homeless and less fortunate through Love and Care Ministries at her church and she worked as a volunteer at the local food pantry.



Read more about the Holloway Sisters and their family on page 17

Kayla Holloway: Kayla, the recipient of a \$1,250 AREA scholarship award is the daughter of Keith and Ivette Holloway. She, like her sister Julianna, attended Cooper HS in Abilene, TX. She enters college in the fall with an Interdisciplinary Studies (Early Childhood through Grade 6) degree in mind.

While at Cooper HS Kayla garnered recognition as a Regional Silver Medalist in a state-wide competition for "Education Leadership Fundamentals", was a member and officer in the National Honor Society, a member of the Spanish Club and was recognized by her HS for achieving the highest score in a UIL Group Choir contest.

Outside the classroom Kayla excelled also: she was a member of the Cooper HS two time 4-4A championship tennis team and volunteer with the homeless and less fortunate through Love and Care Ministries at her church and worked as a volunteer at the local food pantry.



KAYLA HOLLOWAY

\$1,250 Scholarship award

Parents:

Keith & Ivette Holloway

High School:

Cooper HS
Abilene, TX.

Career Interest:



REBECCA WALLIS

\$1,500 Scholarship Award

Parents:

Robert & Catherine Wallis

High School:

Colleyville Heritage HS
Colleyville, TX.

Career Interest:

Engineering

Rebecca Laura Wallis: Rebecca, the daughter of Robert and Catherine Wallis, received a \$1,250 AREA scholarship award. After graduating from Colleyville Heritage HS in Colleyville TX. Rebecca will be entering college this fall in pursuit of an Engineering degree.

At Colleyville Heritage HS Rebecca received the Presidential Award, was a member of the National Honor Society, was in the Community Scholar Ambassador Program and acted as a Peer Mentor to fellow students.

Outside the classroom she had an active interest in soccer and volunteered at the Carrollton No-Kill Animal Shelter.

Three AREA Scholarship winners in the Bova Family



The three children of the Bova family have each won an AREA scholarship, with Kelsey being the most current recipient. Here are some details that Kelsey provided about her family. Shown in the photo from Whitney's graduation ceremony at left are: Kelsey (L), Whitney (M), and Brooke (R).

Whitney Bova (Age 23): The oldest of three girls and an AREA scholarship winner in 2006. Whitney went to UGA taking pre-nursing classes her first two years of college and then transferred to the Medical College of Georgia's (MCG) School of Nursing. On May 5, 2011 she graduated Summa cum laude with a BS in Nursing. Whitney's MCG GPA was 4.0 and her overall college GPA was 3.88. She is a member of the International Honor's Society of Nursing. Also during the past three years Whitney has worked at St. Mary's and Athens Regional Hospitals in Athens in a variety of positions to include an externship at Athens Regional on their Labor and Delivery floor. She is currently still working part time at Athens Regional and is studying for her nurses' (NCLEX) certification test. She is getting married in June and has been offered and accepted a permanent position at Athens Regional, in the Neuroscience Department, which she will start in mid June. Whitney also has done much volunteer work including actively participating in a HOSPICE program.



Brooke Bova (Age 21): Brooke received an AREA scholarship in 2008 after being Dutchtown High School's valedictorian. She just completed her third year at the University of Georgia (UGA). She is working towards a degree in Marketing in the Terry School of Business. Brooke has been on the Dean's List each semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.81, and is a member of a Business fraternity and the Golden Key honors society at UGA. She has a Marketing Internship lined up for this summer in Atlanta. Brooke loves singing, playing the guitar and soccer.

Rochelle Bova: My mom is a kindergarten teacher at Community Christian School. She is a wonderful teacher, and mother, and is also very active in our church. She is from South Dakota, and we still greatly enjoy our trips to the farm in South Dakota visiting relatives. She a graduate of South Dakota State University and, of course, like the rest of us, has lived in various places (including Germany!) due to my dad's career with AAFES.

Michael Bova: My dad retired last May after almost 29 years with AAFES. He took early retirement due to the closure of the Distribution Center at Fort Gillem, where he was the Human Resources Manager the last 11 years of his time with AAFES. As you can tell from our family email address, he is still an Indiana Pacers NUT!

Kelsey Bova: I am graduating from Dutchtown High School this month, and this year I participated in the dual enrollment program, attending classes at Clayton State University. I am currently exploring summer employment opportunities. In the meantime I do various volunteer work to include helping out in my mother's classroom. I am very involved in my church's youth group writing/acting in drama productions, singing in the youth band, and serving as a worship leader. I was accepted at both UGA and Georgia College and State University (GCSU) and decided to attend GCSU in Milledgeville, Georgia, where I plan to major in Creative Writing.

Again, thank you so much for this article, Kelsey!

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TWO 2011 WINNERS FROM SAME TEXAS FAMILY

Profile of Julianne & Kayla Holloway & Family

Julianne and Kayla Holloway are the daughters of Keith and Ivette Holloway of Abilene, Texas. They graduated from Cooper High School with grade point averages only .01 point apart, will attend Texas State University in the fall and are both \$1,250 AREA Scholarship winners.

Their father is currently working as AAFES Loss Prevention Manager for Dyess AFB (Abilene, TX) and previously, Goodfellow AFB (San Angelo, TX) for 4 years. He is a retired USAF as MSgt (E-7) in 2007 and a disabled Veteran, originally from San Antonio, TX.

Julianne and Kayla’s mother retired from USAF as Captain (O-3) in 2008 and is also a disabled veteran. She is currently working for Southern Star, Inc., and was originally from Puerto Rico.

Brother Gabriel Holloway, 13, is attending Clack Middle School in Abilene.



Juliana Holloway

Julianne graduated #7 of 502 (Top 2%) with a GPA of 4.00 at Cooper High School in Abilene. She has been a member of National Honor Society (NHS) since 2008 and was NHS Officer for 2010-11. Her other academic achievements include being a member of Spanish club and Calculus club.

She completed 9 Advance Placement (AP) classes and 11 Pre-AP classes and qualified as an AP Scholar. She played on the varsity tennis team for four years, was a two-time District 4-4A champion

and two-time tennis regionals qualifier. She was Second Team All District – Girls Doubles (2010-11)

Julianne will attend Texas State University—San Marcos in Fall 2011. She has been accepted into Honors Program. Her major is English with Creative Writing Emphasis, and she plans to be an author.

Kayla graduated #24 of 502 (Top 5%) with a GPA of 3.99 while attending Cooper High School. Like her sister, she was also a member of National Honor Society (NHS) since 2008 and an NHS Officer for 2010-11. Kayla completed 8 advance Placement (AP) classes and 10 Pre-AP classes.



Kayla Holloway

She was a Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) Regional Silver Medalist and State Qualifier. In sports, she was on the Cooper High School varsity tennis team for 3 years, winning the District 4-4A championship twice and qualifying for the tennis region tournament two years. Her singing talents led to membership in the Cooper High School Les Chanteurs Choir, and she garnered highest possible UIL scores during competitions. She was also a member of the Spanish club

Kayla will be attending Texas State University – San Marcos in Fall 2011. She has been accepted into the Honors Program and her major will be Interdisciplinary Studies (EC-6). Kayla plans to teach first grade.



Kayla (l) & Julianna (r) at the 2011 prom

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