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State Board Announces 'Promise A' Scholarship Winners

BOISE -More than 30 Idaho high school seniors are the recipients of the prestigious Robert E. Lee Promise Category A Scholarship.

The State of Idaho sponsors two state-funded scholarships: the Robert E. Lee Promise Category A and Promise B. The \$3,000 per year, renewable, Promise A Scholarship is one of the most competitive awards offered in the state both in the criteria and in the number of students who apply. Of the 187 qualified applicants, only 34 were selected based on available state funding. Students must use the scholarship to attend institutions of higher education in Idaho.

The Promise A scholarship is based solely on academic achievement. To apply for the academic scholarship, students must be in the top 10 percent of their graduating class with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and an ACT score of 28 or above. The scholarship also includes awards for professional-technical students. To apply for the professional-technical award, students must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above and take the COMPASS test (reading, writing, and algebra scores required). The Promise B is automatically awarded to high school seniors attending an Idaho college or university who have at least a 20 on their ACT or a 3.0 GPA.

"Every student who applies for the Promise A scholarship is exceptional because the academic criteria for which the scholarship is based is very high," said Laird Stone, State Board of Education President. "It's exciting to be able to award a scholarship that rewards students who continue their education in Idaho."

"As the Board continues to look at student's access to higher education, we will have more dialogue about the need for additional scholarships. With so many qualified applicants, we need to offer more resources to be able to reward student achievement and encourage students to stay in Idaho," Stone said

Students receiving the scholarship are:

Promise A - Academic Awards

High School	First Name	Last Name
CAPITAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Jenni	Buu
CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL	Brent	Allen
CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL	Benjamin	Wiedeback
CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL	Rebecca	Williams
CHALLIS JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL	Kathryn	Fox
COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	Daniel	Jacobson
HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL	Laura	Miller
HILCREST HIGH SCHOOL	Karlee	Wood
IDAHO FALLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Cassandra	Painter
LEWISTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	William	Haberman

LEWISTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Brookelyn	Thomas
LOGOS SCHOOL	Heather	Hagen
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Jason	Allred
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Jordan	Bell
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Dallin	Burgener
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Morgan	Hardy
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Jeffrey	Lofgran
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Ashley	Pierce
MERIDIAN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	Alan	Price
MOSCOW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Kenneth	Christian
PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL	Madison	Beckstead
RIGBY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Collette	Carter
VALLIVUE HIGH SCHOOL	Megan	Dembi
WEISER HIGH SCHOOL	Natalie	Muir

Promise A - Professional Technical Awards

High School	First Name	Last Name
BURLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Shelby	Anderson
EMMETT HIGH SCHOOL	Courtney	Scott
GRACE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	Melynda	Perkins
GRANGEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	Sean	Meyer
MADISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Natasha	Nelson
MINICO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	LeaDawn	Brown
MINICO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Charles	Wrigley
NEZPERCE SCHOOL	Andrew	Kuther
POCATELLO HIGH SCHOOL	Ray	Ricks