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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THROUGH THE SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Seven scholarship funds managed by the South Central Community Foundation were awarded to deserving graduates of Medicine Lodge High School. Individuals from the Medicine Lodge area, with a desire to make a difference in the lives of students, set up these scholarships.

Agnes Axline Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Natalie Archuleta has been selected to receive the 2009 Agnes Axline Memorial Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a young woman who will major in English, science, engineering, or mathematics, or in education with an emphasis in one of these four areas. As an Axline Scholar, Archuleta will receive \$1,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Archuleta, daughter of Cynthia Archuleta, plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Elementary Education or Secondary Education majoring in Mathematics. She has maintained a 3.96 grade point average while participating in numerous extra-curricular activities in school and in the community. "Natalia is an excellent student and we are pleased to award her this scholarship toward her academic and professional goals," says Denise Unruh, Executive Director.

Cornelia Agnes Axline (1916-2002) was a devoted and loving wife and mother, and was an educator in the Kansas public school system for 35 years. Agnes and her husband Robert were life-long residents of Medicine Lodge. Though she retired from her career as a Kansas educator in 1973, she continued to serve the Medicine Lodge schools as a volunteer working with young children to within a few years of her death. Agnes's children have established this scholarship in her honor.

Glen and Lena Hanson Scholarship

Megan Colson has been selected to receive the 2009 Glen and Lena Hanson Scholarship, an award of \$500 for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Colson is the son of Calvin and Carla Boyd. In high school he maintained a 3.5 grade point average while participating in a variety of school and community activities. He is currently pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business at Kansas State University.

Boyd has lived and worked on his family farm his whole life. He says, "Even though I will attend college and finish a four or more year degree, my plans are to return to this community and give back what you have given me. I pledge your financial support will be returned to you one day in some manner."

Glen and Lena Hanson were longtime residents of Medicine Lodge where they opened and ran the Hanson Dry Goods Store. Lena baked for the Medicine Lodge Elementary and Intermediate schools' lunch program for several years. Education was very important in the Hanson family, and even though Glen and Lena did not attend college, they were able to see their four children receive college degrees.

Bill Krug Educational Scholarships

Kaitlin Armstrong and Nathan Honas have been selected to receive 2009 Bill Krug Educational Trust Scholarships. These scholarships are directed to students graduating from Medicine Lodge High School who have been active in their community through employment and other activities. As Krug Scholars, Armstrong and Honas will receive \$1,000 for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Armstrong is the daughter of Eric and Kathy Armstrong. Pratt Community College and eventually Northwest Technical Center in Alva, OK are the schools where Armstrong plans on completing her studies to become a dental assistant. Armstrong

affirms that it is a privilege to receive this scholarship. She says, "I have always appreciated a pretty smile and I want to help people to achieve that."

Darryl and Vicki Honas are the parents of Nathan Honas. He plans to study biology at Fort Hays State University. "I plan to get a job working to preserve the environment or study animals and their behaviors," says Honas.

Nila W. Swayze Memorial Scholarship

Micah Miller and Savannah Moody have been selected to receive 2005 Nila W. Swayze Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to two Medicine Lodge High School graduates. As Swayze Scholars, Micah and Savannah will receive \$1,000 each for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Miller is the daughter of Mona Miller. She plans to attend Oral Roberts University and major in Pastoral Christian Ministries with a Missions concentration, and minor in Worship Leadership. "My most important goal in life is to live a life pleasing to my number one fan and friend - my Heavenly Father," says Miller. She adds, "I have chosen to develop my skills, talents, make decent grades – even when things get rough. I have not sacrificed excellence for pleasures."

Moody's parents are Troy and Judy Moody. She plans to study in the nursing program at Emporia State University. She says, "I think that the nursing program is a very awesome program and helping people in this world is what I want to do."

Nila Swayze was owner and operator of Somewhere In Time Gift Gallery. She supported many individuals in school and education, in youth programs and other programs such as 4-H, and helped many youth in the northern Barber County area.

The South Central Community Foundation, a regional foundation that manages charitable funds for seven south-central Kansas counties, manages these five scholarships. For more information about the foundation, please call 620-672-7929.