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Spring Branch Education Foundation awards 105 scholarships

Spring Branch ISD graduates receive \$163,900

Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) awarded 105 scholarships to Spring Branch Independent School District seniors—a total of \$163,900—at the SBEF 2018 *Bright Stars of SBISD, Celebrating Academic Excellence* awards program on May 17 at The Westin Houston, Memorial City.

The event, hosted by SBEF, honored scholarship recipients as well as 2017-18 Teachers and Principals of the Year. “We are privileged to recognize these exemplary seniors and educators who represent the many bright stars in Spring Branch ISD,” SBEF Executive Director Cece Thompson said.

“At the Bright Stars event, we publicly pay tribute to our seniors for their achievements and also to the educators and district employees who helped prepare our honorees for the next stage of their lives,” Warren Matthews, SBEF board member and Scholarship Committee chair, said.

Each scholarship application package is independently reviewed and evaluated by every member of the Scholarship Selection Committee. It’s an enormous task, and I’m very appreciative of their commitment and engagement,” he continued.

“Our honorees include campus leaders, community volunteers, students who have overcome significant challenges and obstacles, and others who helped their communities recover from tragic events, including the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Many recipients are the first in their families to pursue higher education, and we’re happy to help them take that first step.”

Throughout the school year, Spring Branch ISD staff members contribute to the SBEF Employee Campaign, funding scholarships for SBISD graduates who are children of district employees. When employees were asked in August 2017 to contribute to SBEF’s 2017-18 Employee Campaign scholarship fund, they eagerly responded.

“The response was so great we awarded a \$1,250 scholarship to every applicant – 42 graduates,” Thompson said.

Employee Campaign Scholarship, \$1,250

Miles Griffin, Bailey Hill, Caleb Howell, Nicorette Keykurum-Coland, Jenali Mehta, Nathan Nadarasa, Robert New – Memorial High School

Fina Leger – Northbrook High School

Hope Harlow, Addison Jacobs, Rinley Jacobs, Kenneth Thompson, Julianna Trapp, Lorena Zuniga – Spring Woods High School

Kaelen Benefield, Bailey Boane, Wyatt Branch, Caroline Bucek, Norman Bui, Gabriella Colon, Julia Davis, Victoria Gomez, Joshua Hughes, Lindsey Iler, Davis Jones, Elias Mata, Lauren Meyer, Austin Muckridge, Andrew Nash, Sydney Parisian, Alexander Parizot, Mariana Rincon, Kelby Robinson, Alfonso Vanegas, Margaret Vinyard – Stratford High School

Victoria Garza, Morgan Howell, Zeida Martinez, Kenneth Munoz, Eduardo Ruiz, Ricardo Saucedo, Destiny Trotter – Westchester Academy for International Studies

Other scholarships were presented to SBISD graduates by individuals or organizations, funded through SBEF.

Memorial City Mall Scholarship, \$6,000

Julia Klein, Jonathan Loebel – Spring Woods High School

Wilchester Men's Club Scholarship, \$5,000

Geoffrey Baring, Sean Daly – Stratford High School

Newspring Butterfly Scholarship, \$4,200

William Sicola – Memorial High School

Rosa Bielma – Northbrook High School

Sarah Chidgey Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000

Macon Lee Boane – Stratford High School

Goldstein Altman Scholarship, \$2,500

Kendrick Foster, Adriana Kelly – Memorial High School

Rummel Creek Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$2,500

Elizabeth Cole, Noura Daryani – Stratford High School

Wilchester Men's Club Scholarship, \$2,500

Seungho Lee, Catherine Parnell, Brad Perkins, Christopher Song – Stratford High School

Spring Branch Education Foundation Scholarship, \$2,000

Pierce Nguyen – Memorial High School

Evangelina Covarrubias – Spring Woods High School

Amy Deaton, Maia Fageria, Elizabeth Gex, Thomas Howell, Andrea Humphries, Samantha Weed – Stratford High School

Judy Weisend Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000

Jessica Bustamante – Northbrook High School

Warren Barfield Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

John Beck – Stratford High School

Andres Bautista Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Morgan Gilmore – Spring Woods High School

Bunker Hill Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Azelia Lau – Stratford High School

CITGO STEM Scholarship, \$1,000

Stephanie Walker – Memorial High School

Cristina Lopez, Emily Zuniga – Northbrook High School

Zachary Angeles, Scott Carrion, Erin Collins, Nina Elez, Grace Elphingstone, Abigail Hudson, Audrey Hudson, Paul Kim – Stratford High School

Cornerstone Academy PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Madison Graham – Spring Woods High School

Benjamin Cuellar Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Alexis Kohnke – Stratford High School

Friends Scholarship, \$1,000

Mary Mouton – Stratford High School

Frostwood Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Emily Qin – Memorial High School

Hunters Creek Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Aimee Phan-Dong – Memorial High School

Meadow Wood Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Adam Kiker – Stratford High School

Memorial Drive Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Phuongnhi Pham – Memorial High School

Memorial Middle PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Benjamin Howell – Stratford High School

Memorial Middle School Class of 2014, \$1,000

Christian Bates – Stratford High School

Grant Nunley – Memorial High School

Monica Neubauer Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Katherine Caesar, Weijia Yan – Memorial High School

Rachel Pendray Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Jesenia Clark, Chelsey Tran, Lorena Zelaya – Spring Woods High School

Prosperity Bank Scholarship, \$1,000

Rocio Sidonio – Northbrook High School

Lary Reap Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Nancy Castro – Northbrook High School

Shadow Oaks Elementary PTA Scholarship, funded by Valley Oaks Elementary PTA, \$1,000

Kristen McDermott – Spring Woods High School

Terri Sharp Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Grace Klam – Memorial High School

Spring Forest Middle School PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Sanja Stojcic – Stratford High School

Stratford High School PTSA Scholarship, \$1,000

Dillon Cockrum – Stratford High School

Stratford High School PTSA Sister School Scholarship, \$1,000

Bryan Silva – Northbrook High School

Valley Oaks Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Claire Bingamon – Memorial High School

Wells Fargo & Company Scholarship, \$1,000

Emma Holland – Stratford High School

Wilchester Elementary PTA Scholarship, \$1,000

Sydney Lawrence – Stratford High School

Community members who wish to support scholarship programs are invited to make tax-deductible donations to the Foundation and earmark it for scholarships. Call 713-251-2381 or visit sbef@springbranchisd.com for more information.

Photo: 42 SBISD seniors received \$1,250 scholarships from the SBEF Employee Campaign

About Spring Branch Education Foundation:

Spring Branch Education Foundation is committed to supporting SBISD students and educators. It partners with the district and community to fund programs that enhance education and prepare students for the future. In 2016, Caruthers Institute ranked SBEF 42nd in the nation among 188 K-12 education foundations and in the top 10 of its division of foundations with \$1 million to \$1,999,999 in revenues. Since 1993, the Foundation has donated more than \$11 million to the district. SBEF is a 501(c)3 organization; all donations are tax deductible.