

## Altus High School seniors receive nearly \$700,000 in scholarships and awards

The annual Altus High School Senior Awards Assembly was held May 19, 2009, during which Altus seniors were awarded nearly \$700,000 in scholarships and awards to colleges, universities, and trade schools from around the nation.

The first awards presented went to the six seniors who were named Oklahoma Academic Scholars. To be an Oklahoma Academic Scholar, students had to earn at least 3.7 grade-point averages and score at least 27 on their ACT tests. Earning the honor were Colby Crawford, Fallon Fausch, Madison Long, Baron Tockey, Micah Ward, and Julie Wortham.

Receiving the Earl Herron Memorial Track Scholarship of \$360 was Robert Wolfe. The Jennifer Harkins Memorial Scholarship of \$500 went to William Kime.

Air Force Association Scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to Angelia Valdez and Carly Cox. The Express Personnel Services/AFJROTC Scholarships of \$250 went to Angelia Valdez and Malorie Vaughan.

The Altus AFB Officers' Spouses Club presented scholarships to Madison Long (\$1,500), Robert Wolfe (\$1,250), Julianne Lee (\$1,000), and Julie Wortham (\$750).

Brittany Finstad received the \$500 Altus Education Association Scholarship for a future teacher. The Altus High School Mat Maid \$2,000 scholarship went to Jasmine Shumaker.

The Heather Bryce Memorial Scholarships of \$300 were presented to Tim Linares, Taren Ray, Carly Cox, and Sara Baker. Jordan Abernathy was presented with the Erolithian Study Club Scholarship of \$300, while the \$1,000 Southwest Military Officers Association Scholarship was awarded to Julianne Lee. Corbin Dickerson was presented with the \$1,000 Oklahoma State Troopers Association Scholarship.

Delta Eta Sorority presented the following Miss Altus Pageant Scholarships: Julie Wortham - First Runner-Up and Swimsuit Award (\$900), and Michelle Marcha - Non-Finalist and Special Achievement Award (\$200).

Delta Sigma Theta presented a \$500 scholarship to Jasmine Shumaker.

Southwest Technology Center presented the following thirteenth year scholarships: \$1,157.50 to Tammy Ruiz; \$1,607.39 to April Molina; \$1,488.93 to Ricarda Arroyo; \$1,467.75 to Samantha Ceballos; \$1,312.50 to Chris Yeager; \$1,316 to Sheli Neal; and \$1,316 to Kimberly Pickett.

St. John's Church presented \$50 academic scholarships to Jasmine Robinson, Ki'Ontra Harris, Pracilla Lindsey, and Airi Woods.

The Altus Great Plains Recreation Association presented the following scholarships: The \$300 Buck Mims Scholarship to Taren Ray, the \$300 Jake Barnes Scholarship to William Kime, the \$300 Jack Barnes Scholarship to Corbin Dickerson, the \$400 James Blackwell Memorial Award to Braden Warren, and the \$300 Virginia Phillips Scholarship to Michelle Marcha.

KAY Club presented the following awards: the \$150 KAY Leadership Scholarship to Julie Wortham, the \$100 Martin/Green/Case Scholarship to Carly Cox, the \$150



Malorie Vaughan, right, received the Altus Education Association Frances Herron Award from Mrs. Herron, former Altus teacher. The A.E.A. Frances Herron Award is presented each year to Altus High School's top all-around graduating senior.

Heather Bryce Scholarship to Michelle Marcha, and \$75 awards to Fallon Fausch, Morgan Hensley, and Malorie Vaughan.

Braden Warren was awarded a \$200 scholarship from Woodmen of the World, as well as a \$500 award from Ag Preference. The Lawton Community Foundation presented a \$1,250 scholarship to Laura Lopez.

Wal-Mart presented a \$3,000 scholarship to Sara Baker, as well as the 2009 Walton Family Foundation Scholarship of \$13,000 to Elizabeth Humpula.

The \$500 Altus Hispanic Association/First National Bank Scholarships went to Ricky Granados, Tim Linares, Laura Lopez, Norma Granados, and Jordan Dickerson.

Jake Warren received a \$4,000 award from the West OKC Rotary Club. Altus Junior Rotarian \$200 scholarships were presented to Carly Cox, Charley Vinyard, Jake Warren, Josh Goodman, Kaylan Liles, Laura Lopez, Micah Ward, Michelle Marcha, and William Kime.

Taren Ray received a \$28,000 scholarship to attend Texas Christian University. Receiving scholarships to Cameron University were Baron Tockey (\$27,000 - Regional University Baccalaureate Scholar Award) and Justin Carpenter (\$6,000 - Academic Excellence Award).

Micah Ward was presented with a \$100,000 Air Force ROTC Scholarship, that will

pay full tuition, textbooks, and fees, plus give her a monthly \$350 allowance.

Brittany Finstad received a \$1,500 Freshman Merit Award to the University of Central Oklahoma, and Fallon Fausch was presented with a \$33,880 scholarship to Baylor University.

The University of Oklahoma Presented the following awards: University Scholar Award (\$1,500) to Colby Crawford; Honors Scholar Award (\$2,000) to Madison Long; OU Opportunity Scholarships (\$1,000) to Mariz Escobar, Jake Warren, and Sara Baker; President's Leadership Class Scholarship (\$1,750) to Carly Cox; OU Scholar Awards (\$8,000) to Jake Warren and Sara Baker; and the OU Sooner Distinction Award (\$1,000) to Mariz Escobar.

Oklahoma State University presented the following awards: Valedictorian Scholarships (\$1,250 per year for a total of \$5000) to Megan Ramsey, Kaylan Liles, and Charley Vinyard; Academic Excellence Scholarships (\$2,000 per year for a total of \$8000) to Fallon Fausch and Malorie Vaughan; and an Academic Opportunity Scholarship (\$1,000 per year for a total of \$4000) to Laura Lopez.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University presented the following awards to Altus students: Music Performance Scholarship to Sara Sewell, \$750; President's Leadership Class to Corbin Dickerson, \$5,000; Room Scholarship

to Karissa McClain, \$2,000; University Scholar to Baron Tockey, \$15,136; Freshman Scholarship to Robert Wolfe, \$1,000; Freshman Scholarship to Laura Lopez, \$1,000; Residence Hall Scholarship to Baron Tockey, \$6,000; Residence Hall Scholarship to Micah Webb, \$6,000; Room Scholarship to Angelina Satchell, \$2,000; Scholar Award to Michael Knight, Jr., \$2,688; Scholarship to Brianna Dudley, \$500; Scholarship to Corbin Dickerson, \$500; and the Scholar Award to Micah Webb, \$2,688.

Fallon Fausch was presented with the Oklahoma Elks Association Scholarship of \$1,000.

The following students were presented with athletic scholarships: Taren Ray was awarded the OSSAA Girls Track and Field Scholarship of \$750; Creadell Pennon was awarded \$48,000 to play football at the University of Central Oklahoma; Corbin Dickerson was awarded \$32,000 to play football for Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Seth Barton received \$4,000 to play soccer for Central Christian College in Kansas; Wade Wanke received \$22,000 to play soccer at Oklahoma Christian University; Megan Steen was awarded \$18,000 to play basketball at Howard College; Kaylan Liles and K.C. Ingram received gift scholarships worth \$11,400 each to Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Julie Wortham received \$24,000 to

play golf at Rockhurst University, as well as the \$2,000 2009 National Professional Golf Association Award and the \$500 Oklahoma Coaches Association Female Scholar Region 4 Award; and Jackson Long and Kevin Hamm were each awarded \$8,000 to play baseball at Vernon College.

The Altus High School Cheer Booster Scholarships of \$300 went to Jordan Abernathy, Carly Cox, and Kimberlee Walker.

Julianne Lee received the \$3,780 Thomas E. Ricks Scholarship to attend Brigham Young University - Idaho.

Western Oklahoma State College presented scholarships to the following students: Jordan Abernathy, WOSC Foundation Scholarship, \$500; Travis Bourgeois, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500; Tiffany Cardell, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500; Justin Carpenter, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$1,200, and the Jim Holland Memorial Scholarship, \$500; Amanda Chenevert, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250; Colby Crawford, WOSC Top 10, \$1,200; Jordan Dickerson, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500; Brianna Dudley, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$800; Jenna Dyer, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500, and Roger & Sherry Teigen Scholarship, \$300; Michael Elix, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250; Mariz Escobar, WOSC Top 10, \$1,200, WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$400, and WOSC Ambassador Scholarship,

12 hours tuition per semester + \$250 fees per semester (\$5,000 total); Ethan Graham, Cecil R. Chesser Scholarship, \$500, WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$600, and WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$400; Trey Graham, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250, and WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$400; Randall Hamm, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$1,200; William Kime, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500, Altus Alumni Scholarship, \$230, and WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$600; Kaylan Liles, WOSC Top 10, \$1,200; Tim Linares, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250, Cecil R. Chesser Scholarship, \$500, and WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$400; LaPorsche Lindsey, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250; Angelica Lopez, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$250; Matthew McMahan, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500, and Evelyn Fickessen Altus Alumni Scholarship, \$300; Jessica Orlando WOSC Top 10, \$1,200; David Prickett, WOSC Tuition Waiver, \$500, Waldo & Lily Oden Scholarship, \$400, WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$600, and WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$500; Megan Ramsey, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$800, and Cecil Chesser Scholarship, \$500; Taren Ray, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$800; Sarah Sewell, WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$600; Rebecca Underwood, Julia Osterhout & Elizabeth Shirley Scholarship, \$2,500 per year for two years, and WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$700; Jeremiah Tobitt, WOSC Vocal Music Scholarship, \$400; Baron Tockney, WOSC Top 10 \$1,200; Braden Warren, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$800, and Jackson County Athletic Hall of Fame, \$140; and Robert Wolfe, WOSC Presidential Academic Scholarship, \$800, and WOSC Instrumental Scholarship, \$700.

Ronald McDonald House Charities presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Jake Warren. Robert Wolfe and Sara Sewell received the McDowell Club of Allied Arts Scholarships of \$500 each.

Seth Fojut received \$106,373 for college for joining the U.S. Army.

The Ersa Kiker Memorial Scholarship (\$250) went to Sarah Sewell, while the Sam Craig Memorial Award (\$300) was presented to Drew Ahrens. The John Philip Sousa Award (\$250) went to Bobby Wolfe, and the Steven Willey Memorial Award went to Fallon Fausch.

The Allen Willis Memorial was presented to Jake Warren, and the Showstopper Show Choir Awards went to Trey Graham and Laura Lopez.

The Musicianship Choir Awards (\$150 each) went to Sara Baker and Mariz Escobar, and the Choir Scholarship (\$500) went to Sarah Sewell. Fallon Fausch received the Southwest Oklahoma All-Region Honor Choir Jimmy Zinn Memorial Scholarship (\$500).

The Altus Education Association Frances Herron Award for Altus High School's top all-around graduate was presented to Malorie Vaughan. Recognized for their achievements as Top 10 Seniors were Valedictorians, Sara Baker, Julianne Lee, Malorie Vaughan, and Jake Warren; Salutatorian, Mariz Escobar; and Top 10 Seniors, Fallon Fausch, Madison Long, Laura Lopez, Michael Knight, and Micah Webb.