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Nex-Tech Announces 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Lenora, Kan, 06.13.22 — Nex-Tech is proud to announce the recipients of the Nex-Tech “Break the Rules” Scholarship.

“Unlike most scholarship programs, this one allows high school seniors to send us any type of entry that depicts what they are most passionate about and how that has led to their chosen career path,” stated Jacque Beckman, Nex-Tech’s Youth Services/Training Specialist. “We have received essays, YouTube videos and PowerPoint presentations. Our area students are very talented, and this allows them a non-traditional way to showcase their strengths and passions.”

Jimmy Todd, CEO/General Manager added that, “We received many creative and well-thought-out scholarship entries. We appreciate the effort and the passion behind each submission. The Nex-Tech Team wishes every student success as they embark on their future education and career path.”

The following ten students will each receive a \$1,000 award for excellence in showcasing their passion and describing how it led to their chosen career.

Jeremy Ford is the son of Tracie and Kelly Ford of Phillipsburg, and a graduate of Phillipsburg High School. He will attend Washburn University, majoring in Mass Media and Communications with a career goal to become a broadcast network host.

Anthony Grammon is the son of Ryan and Dana Grammon of Logan, and a graduate of Logan High School. He will attend the John Deere Technician Program at Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska. He will then return home to work for Landmark Implement in Phillipsburg while continuing to raise cattle.

Mallory Henderson is the daughter of Shawn and Marie Henderson of Hays, and a graduate of Hays High School. She will study Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education at Fort Hays State University as she pursues her goal to become a Special Education teacher.

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Kamree Leiker is the daughter of Corey and Kenda Leiker of Hays, and a graduate of Hays High School. She will attend Fort Hays State University majoring in Medical Diagnostic Imaging.

Reilly Manning is the daughter of Ryan and Staci Manning of Norton, and a graduate of Norton Community High School, with a career goal to become a pharmacist. She will attend Fort Hays State University to study Chemistry with a Pre-Pharmacy emphasis for two years, then apply to the University of Kansas Pharmacy School to complete studies to earn a Doctorate Pharmacy degree.

Reece Leiker is the daughter of James and Taryn Leiker of Hays, and a graduate of Hays High School. She will study Cosmetology at Hays Academy of Hair Design, with additional classes in the Business Essentials course at Fort Hays State University. Her career goal is to develop her own cosmetic line.

Cody Wagoner is the son of Jim and Jana Wagoner of Lenora, and a graduate of Norton Community High School. He will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in Sports Media and Communications and plans to further his education with a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism or Sports Media.

Shelby Schmeidler is the daughter of Kent and Carla Schmeidler of Victoria, and a graduate of Victoria High School. She will attend the University of Kansas majoring in Psychology, with further studies to achieve a Doctorate and then work as a Clinical Psychologist.

Jadyn Walker is the son of Wendy Walker of Hill City and Vince and Cynthia Walker of Norton. He is a graduate of Hill City High School and plans to major in Political Science at the University of Kansas, then wants to further his education at a law school.

Kaitlyn Windholz is the daughter of Jared and Andrea Windholz of Victoria, and a graduate of Victoria High School. She will attend the University of Kansas to major in Graphic Design with a minor in Marketing.

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(Photos sent separately)

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Nex-Tech connects thousands of people and businesses through a robust broadband network with cutting-edge technology. Nex-Tech's powerful network architectures, including fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) and fiber-to-wireless technologies, deliver leading-edge enterprise solutions to clients nationwide including a 24x7x365 Network Operations Center (NOC), CALEA compliance, enterprise cloud services, security, managed IT and advertising solutions. Headquartered in Lenora, Kansas, Nex-Tech is more than 70 years into providing exceptional service to business and residential customers.

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