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## Nex-Tech Announces 2021 Scholarship Recipients

**LENORA, Kan., June 2, 2021**—Nex-Tech is proud to announce the 2021 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 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, “We received many creative and well-thought-out scholarship entries. We appreciate the effort and the passion behind each submission, and the entire Nex-Tech team wishes every student success as they embark on their future education and career path.”

The following 10 students will each receive a \$1,000 award for excellence in showcasing their passion and describing how it led to their chosen career.

**Alicia Feyerherm** is the daughter of James and Teresa Feyerherm of Hays. Alicia graduated from Hays High School and plans to attend the University of Kansas majoring in Broadcast Journalism to pursue a video production career.

**Annie Weishaar** is the daughter of Jeff and Deb Weishaar of Phillipsburg. Annie graduated from Phillipsburg High School and plans to attend Concordia University in Seward, NE to pursue double majors in Fine Arts and Art Education.

**Lauren Wagner** is the daughter of Eric and Jennifer Wagner of Hays. Lauren graduated from Hays High School and will study Business Management and Entrepreneurship at Fort Hays State University as she works towards her goal of owning a dance studio and becoming a choreographer.

**Kagan Keeten** is the son of Greg and Tonya Keeten of Glade. Kagan graduated from Phillipsburg High School and will attend Kansas State University to study Agribusiness.

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**Nicholas Schemper** is the son of Josh Schemper of Prairie View and Kelli Hueneke of Phillipsburg. Nicholas graduated from Phillipsburg High School and will attend the University of Kansas to study History and work toward earning a Masters or Doctoral degree in History.

**Kalli Pfeifer** is the daughter of Jason and Beth Pfeifer of Russell. Kalli graduated from Russell High School and plans to study Health and Human Performance with a pre-chiropractic emphasis at Fort Hays State University.

**Gavin Plante** is the son of Tim and Crystal Plante of Hill City. Gavin graduated from Hill City High School and will attend Wichita State University majoring in Media Arts with a focus in filmmaking.

**Raini Hrabe** is the daughter of Dan Hrabe and Trina Schrag, both of Kensington. Raini graduated from Thunder Ridge High School and will attend Fort Hays State University majoring in Diagnostic Medical Imaging with an ultrasound emphasis.

**Kaitlyn Nichols** is the daughter of Marc and Jessica Nichols of Russell. Kaitlyn graduated from Russell High School and plans to attend the University of Kansas majoring in Biology with a pre-medicine focus. She then hopes to further her education at the University of Kansas Medical School to study pediatric medicine.

**Claire Shippy** is the daughter of Darrell and Kay Shippy of Hays. Claire graduated from Hays High School and will attend Fort Hays State University majoring in Biology to pursue her career goal to become a dentist.

#### **About Nex-Tech**

*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 (FTTW) 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 70 years into providing exceptional service to business and residential customers.*



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