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Nex-Tech Awards Scholarships in Lieu of Youth Tour Sponsorship

LENORA, Kan., May 6, 2021—Nex-Tech, a leader in business technology solutions and connectivity announced today that the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour Scholarship recipients are: Livia Schultz, Matthew Bollig, and Shelby Alexander.

Each year, Nex-Tech, through its association with FRS, selects and sponsors students to attend a free Youth Tour trip to Washington D.C. in June. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the tour in 2020, and this year, the tour was again cancelled amidst safety concerns surrounding the ongoing pandemic and government and tourist locations in Washington D.C. being closed indefinitely.

To recognize the selected students for their achievements in lieu of a trip, Nex-Tech's Board of Directors decided to award a \$1,500 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education.

MEET OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Livia Schultz, a junior at Wheatland High School, is the daughter of Daniel and Joan Schultz of rural Grainfield. Livia's college plans are undecided.

Matthew Bollig, a junior at Hays High School, is the son of Mark and Dominica Bollig of Hays. Matthew's college plans are undecided.

Shelby Alexander, a junior at Hays High School, is the daughter of Todd Alexander, Hays, and Mendi Anschutz, Hays. Shelby plans to attend Kansas State University's School of Business to obtain a Marketing degree.

"While it is disappointing that the Youth Tour was cancelled two years in a row, we are excited to provide Livia, Matthew, and Shelby with a scholarship award to assist with their post-secondary education," states Jimmy Todd, Nex-Tech CEO/General Manager.

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Livia Schultz



Matthew Bollig



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The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. In an era of transformative technological advancements, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit us at www.ntca.org.

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 celebrates 70 years providing exceptional service to business and residential customers. Visit us at www.nex-tech.com.