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WTA - Advocates for Rural Broadband Foundation Announces 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Lenora, Kan, 06.14.22 — Nex-Tech is pleased to announce Aleecia Day, Madison DuBois, Leah Lindenman, Nolan Juenemann, and Theo Keese as recipients of the national WTA - Advocates for Rural Broadband Foundation scholarship program. Under the trade school scholarship program, Aleecia was awarded \$750 and Nolan was awarded \$1,000. Under the academic scholarship program, Leah and Madison were awarded \$1,000, and Theo was awarded \$1,250. WTA awarded 15 scholarships, totaling \$20,500, recognizing achievement, integrity, and commitment.

Aleecia is the daughter of Kelly and Andrea Day of Smith Center. She is a graduate of Smith Center High School and will attend North Central Kansas Technical College, Hays campus. She is enrolled in the Pharmacy Technician Program with plans to become a registered nurse in the future.

Nolan is the son of Dustin and Tonya Juenemann of Norton. He is a graduate of Norton Community High School and will attend North Central Kansas Technical School, Beloit campus, to study Agricultural Equipment Technology. After college, Nolan plans to continue in a career involving agriculture.

Madison is the daughter of Wes and Ann DuBois of Norton. She is a graduate of Norton Community High School and plans to major in Psychology at the University of Kansas with a career goal to become a therapist.

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Leah is the daughter of Shawn and Melissa Lindenman of rural Morland. She is a graduate of Hill City High School and will attend Kansas State University, majoring in Human Development and Family Science and Kinesiology with a Leadership Minor, Pre-Occupational Therapy. Leah then plans to continue her education by attending Occupational Therapy school and wants to work as an Occupational Therapist in a children's hospital.

Theo is the son of Dennis and Andrea Keesee of Phillipsburg. He is a graduate of Phillipsburg High School and will attend the University of Kansas, majoring in Political Science. He has been accepted into the LEAD: Legal Education Accelerated Degree Program. This innovative 3+3 program allows KU students to earn a B.A. and a J.D. in six years instead of seven.

"Nex-Tech is pleased to be a part of national organizations like WTA that offer advancement opportunities to our youth," said Jimmy Todd, CEO/General Manger. "We congratulate Aleecia, Madison, Leah, Nolan, and Theo on their accomplishments thus far and wish them great success in the future."

The WTA Foundation offers academic and trade school scholarships to children of parents who are employed by a WTA member company. Nex-Tech is a long-time member of WTA.

About WTA-Advocates for Rural Broadband

WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband is a national trade association that represents more than 360 small, rural telecommunications carriers providing voice, broadband and video-related services in the United States. WTA's members serve some of the most rural and hard-to-serve communities in the country and are on the forefront of bringing 21st Century telecommunications services to rural America. To learn more about WTA, visit www.w-t-a.org

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