

Merit-based scholarships awarded to Sanpete sophomores

SALT LAKE CITY— Now in the fourth year, the EnergySolutions Foundation awarded 124 scholarships throughout the state. A scholarship is offered to the top 10th grade student from every high school in the state.

Sanpete County students receiving Utah Scholarships include Rylan Anderson, Gunnison Valley High School; Abby Hatch, Manti High School; Kelly Patino, North Sanpete High School; and Anh Pham, Wasatch Academy.

"A strong workforce in math, science, and engineering is the key to keeping America competitive during the next century. Unfortunately, we have fallen behind, but the EnergySolutions Foundation is working to help solve this problem," said Val Christensen, CEO of EnergySolutions.

Scholarship recipients were chosen by a prestigious selection committee with representatives from all states participating in the program. Selection committee members include professionals in science, math, engineering, and from academia.

They evaluate each application for academic achievement, community involvement, and career goals.

Students selected will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to pursue a bachelor's degree in math, science, or engineering. The scholarship recipient from each school is then eligible for a Distinguished Award scholarship for an additional \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$25,000 upon entering college.

Students can choose what school they attend, as long as they plan to seek a degree in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, ecology, engineering, environmental science, geology, geophysics, mathematics, meteorology, or physics.

The goal of the scholarship program is to help create the next generation of mathematicians, scientists, and engineers for America's

future. "This is an excellent opportunity for the Foundation to act locally and get results on a global scale," said Jordan Clements, Chairman of the Board for the EnergySolutions Foundation. "We recognize the need our nation has for a well trained workforce and this is a great vehicle to promote that," said Clements.

Utah's scholarship recipients were honored at a banquet held recently at the Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City.

The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Dr. Richard Brown, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Utah. The three Distinguished Award recipients will be announced at this banquet.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact Pearl Wright at (801) 870-1505 or visit www.energysolutionsfoundation.org.