

Three Basin students win EnergySolutions awards

Three Uintah Basin high school sophomores are among 124 students in Utah to receive Jayson Foster of Duchesne High School, Melanie Rowley of Altamont High School and Aaron Wallace of Union High School have all received \$2,000 scholarships for being "the top 10th grade student" in their school.

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

Scholarship recipients were chosen by a selection committee with representatives from all states participating in the program. Committee members include professionals in science, math, engineering, and from academia. They evaluate each application for academic achievement, community involvement, and career goals.

The students selected can use their scholarship award to pursue a bachelor's degree in math, science, or engineering. The recipients from each school are also eligible for a Distinguished Award scholarship for an additional \$2,500, \$5,000 or \$25,000 upon entering college. They 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 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.