

Press Release

Inland Development Awards \$20,000 in Scholarships

19 local area high school graduates selected for their service, leadership, academics

Heppner, Oregon - July 25th, 2014:

Inland Development Corporation and Windwave Communications of Heppner awarded 19 area high school graduates the 4th Annual Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship. In total \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded to students who were selected for their community involvement and service, leadership and academics.

Local area scholarship recipients included:

Heppner High School: Blake Greenup plans on attending Southwestern Oregon Community College majoring in business/law; Lillian Sandford will be attending Colorado Northwestern Community majoring in dental hygiene; MeKayla Kindle will attend Boise State University Nursing School; and J.C. Putman will attend Oregon State University pursuing rangeland ecology management.

Ione High School: Joel Stillman will be attending Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT majoring in aeronautical science; Charlette Burghard will attend Eastern Oregon University majoring in biology, with plans to further her education at OHSU in the medical field; Dalton Hughes will attend Oregon State University and major in business; Ali Lovgren is planning to attend Walla Walla Business College; and Zane King will attend Blue Mountain Community College, majoring in agriculture and welding.

Riverside High School: Sarah Bose, attending Pacific University in Forest Grove; Samantha Hernandez, Oregon State University; Jesus Pacheco, Blue Mountain Community College; Marissa Pratt, Eastern Oregon University; and Gregg Shimer; Eastern Oregon University, also in the ROTC Program.

Irrigon High School: Skyler Blythe, Columbia Basin College in Pasco to study music; Jessica Nava, Oregon State University; Nildia Resendiz, Eastern Oregon University to study nursing; Ashlie Roberts, Oregon State University; and Arianna Strong; Linfield College in McMinnville.

Nate Arbogast, the founding General Manager for Inland Development, passed away in 2010 after a skiing accident. Inland Development's Board of Directors and General Manager Pat Lauritsen created the scholarship program in 2010 as a way to recognize Nate's efforts in bringing fiber optic technology to surrounding rural communities. Since the scholarships establishment in 2010, Inland Development has awarded \$65,000 in scholarships.

Inland Development Corporation, a non-profit entity, provides these scholarships in an effort to achieve their vision of providing access to innovative fiber technology solutions for rural and underserved areas, to promote advancements in health and education and drive economic development in order to improve the lives of our friends, neighbors and communities.