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EDA Presents Scholarships To Warren County and Skyline High School Graduates

<u>May 25, 2017, Front Royal, Virginia</u>: The Economic Development Authority is pleased to announce the twenty-second annual EDA Scholarship Award presentations to Warren County high school graduates. The recipients were announced Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Scholarship Awards presentations held at Skyline High School and at Warren County High School.

The EDA Scholarship is made possible by donations from local businesses, industries and private citizens. Awards are made to those graduates who plan to continue their education in business at Virginia schools, and are not limited to traditional four-year college programs of study. Since its inception in 1996, the EDA's Scholarship Program has awarded \$43,600 in scholarships to select Warren County high school graduates. This year's recipients are: Warren County graduates: Brendan McMackin, son of Shannon & Nora McMackin, who was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship and will attend Radford University to study business management; Amanda Rapp, daughter of Richard & JoAnn Rapp, who was awarded \$1,000, and will attend Lord Fairfax Community College to study business and visual arts; and Skyline High School graduates: Destiny Rosenberry, niece of Tanya Rosenberry, who was awarded \$1,000 and will attend Lord Fairfax Community College for a general studies program; and Jacob Freeman, Son of Larry Freeman and Jackie Lucas, who was awarded \$1,500 and will attend the Art Institute of Washington to study Culinary Arts Management.

"This is one of my favorite EDA programs," said Jennifer McDonald, Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority. "We receive donations for the scholarship program from local businesses, industries and private citizens who are interested in investing in the future of our young graduates. This is the part of economic development that I find to be so rewarding!"

"It's our hope," said Patty Wines, Chairwoman of the EDA, "that when these young people have finished their education, they will come back home to work, raise families and become involved their community. That's part of the economic development cycle that the EDA would like to bring full-circle."

"We want to thank each and every contributor to the Scholarship Program," said McDonald. "This year we were able to award \$5,500 in scholarship money – one of the most substantial award years we've ever had."

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