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The Rotary Club of Anthem

Anthem Rotary scholarship students get extra help

ANTHEM, AZ (January 6, 2015)—The six students receiving Rotary Club of Anthem scholarships to help with their first year in college, will receive an extra \$500.00 next semester.

Those students who graduated from Boulder Creek High School are Rachel Dieman (University of Arizona), Caitlan Patcher (Northern Arizona University), and Kristi Poling (UA). The Sandra Day O'Connor High School graduates are David Lind (Princeton University) and Brandon Rios (UA). Megan Villandre, who graduated from Anthem Preparatory Academy, is attending the University of Notre Dame.

The District Grant

This one-time scholarship augmentation is possible thanks to a grant from Rotary District 5490, which serves the Rotary Clubs in northwestern Arizona and parts of California and Nevada. Last spring, the Rotary Club of Anthem Foundation Committee applied for and received the one-time Scholarship Augmentation District Grant of \$3,000.00.

“The Rotary Foundation is unique in that matching grants are initiated and managed at the local level,” observed Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Rick Nollenberger. “We wrote the grant for a specific amount to be distributed to the current recipients. The club treasurer distributes the funds to the students’ respective universities once we receive their verification of enrollment for the spring semester.

“Every Rotary club has the ability to seek matching funds for projects as small as a few hundred dollars or up to \$200,000.00,” Nollenberger said. “By initiating and managing grants at the local level—often in collaboration with other clubs—Rotarians ensure the funds are properly accounted for and are used for their intended purpose.”

Applying for a scholarship

The scholarship program began soon after the club received its charter in 2003. Starting with one \$500.00 scholarship, the program grew to six \$1,000.00 scholarships this academic year. The Rotary Club of Anthem seeks applicants from the two public high schools serving Anthem, and any Anthem senior attending a private or parochial high school in the region. Applicants submit information on their community involvement and extracurricular activities, and write an essay based on the principles of Rotary International. Grade point averages and advanced placement and honors courses taken are part of the evaluation process used by the Scholarship Committee.

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About the Rotary Club of Anthem

As one of 34,216 Rotary clubs worldwide, the Rotary Club of Anthem also sponsors Interact Clubs at both Boulder Creek and Sandra Day O'Connor High Schools. Interact—or International Action—gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun-filled, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. For more information on the Rotary Club of Anthem, go to www.AnthemRotary.org.

About Rotary International

Rotary International is the world's first service club, with approximately 1.2 million members worldwide. Under the motto "*Service Above Self*", Rotarians are volunteers working locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio. For more information about Rotary International, go to www.rotary.org.

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