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# Stephenville Rotary News



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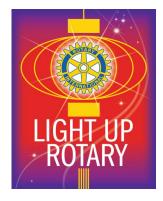
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#### Happy Birthday!!

Frank Dolberry June 22
Jim Choate June 27
George H. W. Bush June 12
Morgan Freeman June 1
Larry McMurtry June 3
Ross Perot June 27

### **Club Celebrates 21st Leaders of Tomorrow Banquet**

For the past 20 years, the club has celebrated and honored students and their mentors with our Leaders of Tomorrow Banquet. This May was no exception as five of our students received \$1,000 scholarships to be used for tuition to the school of their choice.

Stephenville Superintendent Matt Underwood delivered the keynote address. In his direct heart to heart talk, the District leader enumerated several characteristics which are fundamental to success. Among these are:

Be Honest

Be Humble

Be Authentic

**Be Empathetic** 

Be Positive

**Be Energetic** 

Be Thankful

Mr. Underwood explained that these "be attitudes" are central to your core values and essential to successfully achieve your goals in life.

Following his address, the students tribute to their mentors was read to the audience. The tributes were at times moving and emotional to both the student and mentor and to Rotarians and guests.

Drawing the scholarship winners is the final and most exciting part of the banquet. This years \$1,000 scholarship winners are:

Ellington Brinkley, Joshua McLatchy, Miller Parham, Sara Smith, and Alex Spence.

Congratulations to each of the student winners and their mentors.

A special thank you to Jeff Justice and all Rotarians who made this year's celebration a success!

The scholarships are funded by our "Post the Flag" program and the generosity of the Stephenville community. Thank You!



School Superintendent Matt Underwood delivered the keynote address at the Leaders of Tomorrow Banquet.



Rotarian Michael Hasty, visiting from the Grand Prairie club gave a program on his Club's efforts to assist the Children in Granada Nicaragua. This project started as a program in the local Grand Prairie Schools and continued to grow from 6 schools to 28 schools. It includes a dental health mission to Granada, Nicaragua where some 700 children were treated during a 2013 trip to Granada, Nicaragua. Great Program!

# 2015 Leaders of Tomorrow Students and Mentors 2015



Mentor Lisa Scroggins and Student Ellington Brinkley

Mentor taught me that "the greatest good you can do is simply good deeds for others."



Mentor taught me that teachers should "inspire their students and get them excited about learning..."



Mentor Misty Wilson and Student Sara Jane Gillespie

Mentor taught me that "I can be successful with hard work and my faith in God:



Mentor Devon Flowers and Student Keith Jackson

Mentor has done a great job by "preparing me for
life after high school so I will make good decisions
in life."



Student Alex Jimenez and Mentor Conner Elms

Mentor is "not only a great role model, but I feel comfortable talking to him about anything."



Mentor "has been a great friend to me as well as an amazing teacher."



Without mentor's guidance "the major influence that band has on my life would be void."



Mentor Brian Salge and Student Jacob Martin
"Thanks to his guidance I am empowered to take on any challenge."



"She has taught me responsibility and kindness; two qualities I can use for the rest of my life. "

## 2015 Leaders of Tomorrow Students and Mentors 2015



"She opened my eyes to what another language is ...lt is a way of life."



...she became an advisor, an encourager and finally, a second mother to me."



Mentor Stacie Roeming and Student Rachael Tuggle

She taught me "to show students how to love the

English Language."



"Patti Williams is a true hero to me."

"If we really want to love, if we really want to live, we must love until it hurts...No Rotarian who motto is Service Above Self, I think, should call himself a Rotarian if he does not make time to serve...If we love, we begin to serve. And this is where that beautiful motto begins that the Rotarians have made this year, Take Time to Serve."

Mother Teresa 1981 RI Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil



Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship winners are from left to right. Alex Spence, Sara Smith, Miller Parham, Joshua McLatchy, and Ellington Brinkley.

According to Kristin Jennings, AirMedCare Network (AMCN) is an alliance of affiliated air ambulance providers which is the largest of its kind in the United States. Major members of the alliance include Air Evac Lifeteam, Med-Trans, EagleMed, REACH, and AirMed International. There are other smaller participating providers which make up the entire network.

The Network employs over 220 aircraft locations across 31 states with over 125 years of combined experience and serves over 1.6 million network members. The sole mission of the Network is to provide a quick and effective response to a medical emergency. CDC supported research shows a 25% reduction in deaths for severely injured patients who receive care at a trauma center rather than a non-trauma center.

Kristin also pointed that commercial and federal medicare health insurance coverage for emergency transportation is limited and patients are often times liable for crippling debt for transportation charges. Membership in the Network will be considered payment for all transportation charges in excess of insurance coverage.

When you become a Network member, you will be supporting the healthcare needs of your family, friends, and neighbors. The Network membership base helps support operations in rural areas where having a quick response time to critical medical situations can save lives.

Thanks Kristin for a great program!

#### **Rotary Student of the Month For May**

The club honored Sierra Afton Varnado as our Student of the Month for May. Sierra will finish her high school career with a 90 percentile grade point average for all of her academic class work.

In addition to her excellence in academics, She has played on the Yellow Jacket softball and volleyball teams for all four years. She was selected 2nd Team All District in Softball her senior year and Academic All District for softball and volleyball for all four years.

She was voted by the student body as the "Most Spirited Girl (2013-2015)". She is also an active member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) where she has been selected to play in the FCA All Star Softball Game.

Sierra is an active member of the Cowboy Church of Erath County.



Kristin Jennings talks to the Club about the services and benefits of AirMedCare Network.



From left to right, SISD Student Counselor Kristi Adams, Afton Varnado, Student of the Month Sierra Varnado, and Club Presidednt Moumin Quazi.

After graduation this Spring, Sierra plans to attend Tarleton State University where she will major in Wildlife Sustainability. According to Sierra, "Because animals/wildlife cannot have a voice of their own, we as humans need to speak loud and clear for the safety and consideration of these creatures."

Sierra is the daughter of proud parents of Howard and Afton Varnado.