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KIWANIS CLUB OF MADISON TN AWARDS \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING GRADUATES

MADISON, JUNE 21, 2009: A recent June luncheon/meeting for the Kiwanis Club of Madison TN put the spotlight squarely on what the civic-minded organization is all about: meeting the needs of community youth, one person at a time!

President Carson W. "Bill" Beck opened the meeting by saying, "We are so very pleased to welcome the five of our eleven awardees, along with one proud dad, who were able to attend our special luncheon today, so that we could make everything official. This year, we are awarding \$10,000 in scholarship monies to some very deserving graduates, and that action, in itself, is exactly what validates our club and its mission."

The awardees in attendance were invited to share a bit of both personal history and hopes for the future. First up was Matthew Lockhart from Davidson Academy, who told about his involvement in church mission work, including the tornado relief program for Goodlettsville. "During high school, I also helped with food drives so that we might feed children in Africa and with local activities geared toward engaging mentally disabled individuals in more defined interaction." As for Lockhart's future, he said, "I will be attending UT/Chattanooga, then medical school. Right now, I am focusing on the Doctors Without Borders program."

Another Davidson Academy graduate, Jessica Harris talked about the many community-service activities in which she had been involved, including tornado relief, food drives, church mission trips and vacation bible school. "I also volunteered with Alive Hospice and the American Cancer Society, and I was Student Council President at DA during my senior year." Harris will be attending the UT/Knoxville, majoring in business, with plans to attend law school. Harris' dad was in attendance with her, and he took a moment to personally thank the Kiwanis Club of Madison TN club for helping to "lighten the financial load of higher education."

Lauren Gaines is a Goodpasture Christian School graduate who immediately won the Kiwanis Club of Madison TN members over when she admitted, "I am very nervous about attending college." Gaines should have no trouble getting acclimated to life at Auburn University (where she plans to major in Civil Engineering/Architecture), as she "pretty much got involved in everything I could fit into my schedule at Goodpasture, including serving as the National Honor Society Secretary, playing volleyball and softball, being a member of both the Key Club and FCA."

Goodpasture was also represented by graduate Christine Keith, this year's Key Club President, who talked about being involved in "extra-curricular activities including volunteering for the Salvation Army and the Fifty-Forward (Madison Station Senior) Center, as well as helping my church coordinate services for residents at the Bordeaux Nursing Home." You'll find Keith among the freshmen slated to attend David Lipscomb University this fall, where she plans to major in Accounting.

Sitko Carpenter, a Hunter's Lane Comprehensive High School graduate, was proud to announce, "I will be attending TSU, where I want to major in Computer Science with a minor in Spanish." Among the many activities in which Carpenter has been involved throughout high school is volunteering at local hospitals and coordinating food drives, as well as participating in the HLCHS business club.

The Kiwanis Club of Madison TN also awarded scholarships to the following graduates who were unable to attend the luncheon: Aignes Alexander (Belmont) and Talisa Mayberry (MTSU) from Hunter's Lane; Matthew Hogan (UT/Knoxville) and Jena Herrell (Austin Peay State University) representing Davidson; Alex Cox (David Lipscomb) and Caleb Vivio (Freed Hardman), both graduates of Goodpasture.

In closing, Beck said, "Our Kiwanis Club of Madison TN flipped a lot of pancakes and hosted a great golf tournament this year to raise money for these scholarships. To see all of you moving forward into the next phase of education is an inspiration to me and the rest of our members."

On a final note, Beck invited special guest, Ross Browner, a former NFL football linebacker and record-setting Notre Dame alum, to speak to the graduates, and Browner responded, "Your life adventure is just beginning. As you enter adulthood, continually strive to make the right choices. Respect yourself. Respect others. Be responsible. And always keep God in your heart."

The Kiwanis Club of Madison meets each Wednesday, 11:45AM, at Skyline Medical Center. If you are interested in becoming a member of an organization committed to community services, or if you would like more information regarding upcoming events, please call 719-1668.-You may also check out our news and calendar listings via our web site at www.kiwanisclubofmadisontn.org.

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From left: Backfield in Motion Vice-President Ross Browner, Lauren Gaines, Sitko Carpenter, Christine Keith, Jessica Harris, Matthew Lockhart, Lori Corley (Kiwanis member who coordinated the scholarship award selection process) and President Carson W. "Bill" Beck.