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2013-2014 Dependent Scholarship Winners

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health announces six winners in the Dependent Scholarship program for academic year 2013-2014. Twelve students submitted complete applications by the June 1 deadline. Winners were chosen by COA members.

Eligible applicants included spouses; biological, step, or adoptive children; or biological, step, or adoptive grandchildren of a member in good standing of the COA. Applicants must have been registered students for undergraduate or graduate study at schools located in the United States.

Winners

Jordan Gemelas from Madras, OR won the **Ronald Lessing Memorial Scholarship**. Jordan will attend the University of Washington and plans to pursue a career in rural medicine and public health. Both of Jordan's parents serve in the Commissioned Corps. His COA sponsor is **CAPT James Gemelas, USPHS**.

Deborah Backman from Wyoming, OH won the **RADM Josephine Waconda / Rio Grande COA Branch Scholarship**. Deborah is pursuing a double major in sociology and vocal performance at Indiana University. She plans on earning a Master of Public Health degree in behavioral and community health. Her COA sponsor is **LCDR Bonita Malit, USPHS**.

James Bresette from Columbia, MD won the **Atlanta COA Branch Scholarship**. James will attend The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and plans to commission as a second lieutenant in the Army. His COA sponsor is **CAPT James Bresette, USPHS**.

Kyla Cook from Anchorage, AK won the **DC COA Branch Scholarship**. Kyla intends to pursue a double major in linguistics and Near Eastern languages and civilizations. Then, she would like to serve overseas in the Peace Corps. Her COA sponsor is **CAPT Keith Cook, USPHS**.

Ryan Grismer from Nixa, MO won the **Atlanta COA Branch Scholarship**. Ryan will consider the pre-medicine program in college and is leaning toward interventional radiology. His sponsor is **CAPT Margaret Grismer, USPHS**.

Jamie Rudd from Madras, OR won the **Evergreen COA Branch Scholarship**. Jamie plans to earn a degree in International Relations that will prepare her for a career in diplomatic affairs. Her COA sponsor is **ENS Stephen Rudd, USPHS**.



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