

Rudd Foundation Selects Thirty 2021 Rudd Scholars; Program Will Be Over 100 This Fall

Wichita, KS. (3/25/2021) The Rudd Foundation is proud to announce its fourth class of Rudd Scholars who will each receive a 4-year college scholarship to attend either Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University or Wichita State University (full list attached). The Rudd Scholarship covers all remaining tuition and fees, books and supplies, and on-campus room and board, after other aid, grants, and scholarships are applied to a student's account. The expected value for the 30 new recipients over four years is approximately \$1.1 million.

With the additional 30 scholars, there are expected to be 103 Rudd Scholars in total this upcoming Fall 2021. This represents approximately a \$4 million financial commitment to date since the program's inception in 2018.

"We are privileged to announce the exceptionally high-caliber, well-rounded students that were selected as Rudd Scholars this year," said Darrell Swank, President of the Rudd Foundation. "By removing the financial burden associated with a college education, it is our hope that these individuals will be actively involved on campus, maintain good grades, graduate in four years debt-free, and thus be well-positioned to pursue their passions and dreams in whatever vocations they desire."

Of the thirty new scholars, 19 will be attending Wichita State, 7 at Fort Hays State, and 4 at Emporia State. The scholarship is earned through a competitive selection process that includes the applicant's grades, test scores, essays, letters of recommendation, and for the 50 finalists, a personal interview. This year's process involved selecting the thirty winners from a record number of over 1,300 students from all over the state who began the process.

"We started the Rudd Scholar Program four years ago and continue to find extremely talented young women and men in our Kansas high schools, who possess the Midwestern values of grit, determination and work ethic, all qualities Mr. Rudd valued," said Corri Roberts, Director of the Rudd Foundation. "We believe by supporting these young leaders to continue their education in Kansas, they will follow their passions and give back to their communities and the state."

In addition to living on campus and carrying a full load of classes towards their college degree, scholars will receive mentoring and coaching to help them graduate in four years and build essential academic and life skills. They will also participate in developmental activities outside the classroom, network with leaders in their future professions, build relationships among themselves, and serve to help the next generation of scholars through an active and connected alumni association after graduation.

“By this time next year, we will have over 100 Rudd Scholars on campus and supporting one another,” said Swank “Our intent is that they will continue to network with each other after graduation, as they continue on their trajectory of being positive contributors to our Kansas communities and society as a whole.”

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2021 Rudd Scholars

(Name)	(High School)	(University)
Barradas, Colby	Pratt High School	Wichita State University
Barreno, Eliseo	Highland Park High School	Wichita State University
Beesley, Lexis	Dighton High School	Fort Hays State University
Bernritter, Kyler	Onaga High School	Wichita State University
Bishop, Maya	Olpe High School	Emporia State University
Braun, Khloee	Logan High School	Fort Hays State University
Byrd, Kyra	McPherson High School	Wichita State University
Darrah, Lyric	Wichita South High School	Wichita State University
Dorzweiler, Kyndal	Hesston High School	Wichita State University
Eden, Mackenzie	Peabody High School	Wichita State University
Erichsen, Logan	Ellsworth High School	Fort Hays State University
Freeman, Kymora	Sumner Academy of Arts and Science	Wichita State University
Girard, Quin	Clifton-Clyde High School	Fort Hays State University
Guereque, Rafael	Hugoton High School	Wichita State University
Hagen, Rachel	Solomon High School	Wichita State University
Herrenbruck, Peyton	Baxter Springs High School	Wichita State University
Hinman, Lyndsy	Ellis High School	Wichita State University
James, Sadie	Southeast of Saline High School	Fort Hays State University
McClain, Madison	Halstead High School	Wichita State University
Nguyen, Alayna	Wichita East High School	Wichita State University
Owens, Adriana	Hutchinson High School	Wichita State University
Reed, Dylan	St. John Jr/Sr High School	Fort Hays State University
Rempel, Austin	Hillsboro High School	Wichita State University
Shaner, Christal	Insight School of Kansas	Wichita State University
Thomison, Aubrie	Rose Hill High School	Wichita State University
Throckmorton, Beau	Mission Valley High School	Emporia State University
Valverde, Elysia	Gardner Edgerton High School	Emporia State University
Vega, Yaritza	Salina South High School	Fort Hays State University
Whitsitt, Nathan	Hesston High School	Emporia State University
Williams, Kian	Hutchinson High School	Wichita State University

More information about the scholarship can be found online at ruddfoundation.org/college-scholarships.