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KMR Group Foundation announces 2015 scholarship winners

VANCOUVER, WA. June 10, 2015 — Seventeen local high school graduates will be attending Clark College and Washington State University Vancouver this fall on scholarships from KMR Group Foundation, a Vancouver private nonprofit.

“The scholars this year represent a diverse group of talented students who have excelled in high school and now have the opportunity to pursue their dreams,” said Kate Jones, KMR Founder and Executive Director.

KMR created its scholarship program to enhance individual and community development. Jones believes that by helping students achieve their academic goals the foundation is preparing Clark County’s future leaders.

The KMR scholarship pays up to \$3,500 toward tuition and books and is renewable for four years. Each student can receive up to \$14,000 in that four-year period. The value of the 2015 scholarships is \$238,000.

This year’s recipients are: Rachel Wildeson and Nicolette Smyshlyayev, Camas High School; Jennifer Breaker, Blake Bedlion, Alexander Klaus and Arnold Castro, Evergreen High School; Anna Fedorova, Heritage High School; Russell Soft, Hockinson High School; Jazzmine Rowland, Kalama High School; Cody Maitland, La Center High School; Ashley Christensen and Madison Rooney, Ridgefield High School; Chris Reamer, Skyview High School; Inna VanMatre, Joscelynn Macugay and Zachary Sichley, Union High School; Heather Deulen, Washougal High School.

KMR also awarded scholarships to seven students in Washington State University Vancouver’s nursing program. The grants cover a significant portion of the summer classes for the students, who will all graduate at the end of the semester. KMR created this scholarship after learning that most scholarships and grants won’t cover the summer semester.

Jones and her husband, Marty Rifkin, founded KMR to give back to the local community. The foundation’s dedicated team commits their time and energy to giving children of all ages an opportunity for success and development through the creation and sponsorship of innovative programs and academic scholarships.

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