

Area Graduates Receive SkyLineScholarships

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Eleven area high school graduates have been named to receive local through SkyLine Membership Corporation. The SkyLine scholarships are named in memory of longtime director and former SkyLine President Frank James and are awarded to children of SkyLine/SkyBest customers who reside in the cooperative's five-county service area. The awards will be officially presented to the students at SkyLine's Annual Meeting in late September.

Annually, SkyLine awards \$1,000 scholarships, renewable for up to four years, to students pursuing a four-year college degree and \$500 scholarships, renewable for up to two years, to students pursuing a community/technical college degree or vocational program.

Alleghany County recipients are: Molly Andrews of Sparta and the daughter of Robert & Pam Andrews, who plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Liliana Martinez of Sparta and the daughter of Greg and Maria Martinez, who plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Olivia Petras of Ennice and the daughter of Jerry Medley and Grace Medley, who plans to attend Surry Community College; and Manuel Rivas of Sparta and the son of Manuel and Janet Rivas, who plans to attend Wilkes Community College.

Ashe County recipients are: Kelsey Hayes of Crumpler and the daughter Kyle and Joyce Hayes, who plans to attend Appalachian State University; John Latham of West Jefferson and the son of Randall and Martie Latham, who plans to attend Wilkes Community College; and Frank Ledezma of West Jefferson and the son of Francisco and Ausencia Ledezma, who plans to attend Wilkes Community College.

The Avery County recipient is Zach Guy of Elk Park and the son of Bruce and Linda Guy, who plans to attend N.C. State University.

Watauga County recipients are Rachel Greene of Sugar Grove and the daughter of Jeffrey and Kimberly Greene, who plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Courtney Edwards of Vilas and the daughter of Claire Jensen, who plans to attend Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.

The Johnson County recipient is Kelsey Watson of Shady Valley and the daughter of Chris and Lisa Watson, who plans to attend Virginia Highlands Community College.

About SkyLine

Established in 1951, SkyLine is a member-owned cooperative which provides a variety of telecommunications services to customers in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties in North Carolina and Johnson County in east Tennessee. Along with its current focus of building a fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) network, SkyLine is committed to enhancing the quality of life across the region through various charitable, educational and economic development programs.

Its wholly-owned subsidiary, SkyBest Communications, offers de-regulated products and services, including local calling and long distance services, business systems and networking solutions, broadband Internet services, digital TV, security monitoring and medical alert, and automation and surveillance services.