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### **Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® Awards Seven Scholarships**

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® (RLCAR) extends its history of community involvement by awarding seven Lincoln County students each a \$550 college scholarship. The scholarships are made possible by donations from members of the local association who are engaged in the real estate business in Lincoln County

The RLCAR Scholarship Program recognizes students for their outstanding achievements in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement. The Scholarship Committee, comprised of REALTOR® members, identified that there is a great need for skilled trades and vocational jobs not just in Lincoln County but nationwide. In an effort to educate the students of Lincoln County as well as recognize those who have chosen a career path other than college, the committee recommended offering a skilled trades scholarship to not only encourage students to pursue a trade but to show the value in choosing a trade by offering those students financial aid.

2018 was the first year the skill trade scholarship was offered. One student applied that year, however the scoring process was flawed. The committee identified that and changed the way students were scored to be more meaningful for applicants for either college bound students or skilled trade students. This year there were two students who applied for the skilled trade scholarship and one was chosen.

“It was such an honor for me to be able to give that financial support to the young man who applied for our skilled trade scholarship” commented Darien Ross scholarship committee chair. The RLCAR scholarship committee hopes that next year there will be many more applicants for those who are graduating and pursuing college or a skilled trades career path.

“It was so exciting meeting these young men and women at our RLCAR quarterly meeting, where our membership gave them scholarship money to help them with their higher education,” said Sean Simpson, 2019 president of RLCAR. “As members of the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® we are proud to help support our locals when we can, through our own events, as well as other planned events in our area. Together, we hope to make the world a better a place.”

RLCAR has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships over the past several decades to foster and invest in tomorrow’s Lincoln County leaders. This scholarship is specifically designed to assist bright and motivated students as they strive to achieve all their educational goals. REALTOR® members are honored to help build better communities through programs such as this.

Students who received a scholarship, the school from which they graduated and the colleges and universities they plan to attend in the fall.

- Tristen Barela, Carrizozo High School, Dona Ana Community College



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- Daniel Fragoso, Ruidoso High School, New Mexico State University
- Payton Hall, Capitan High School, South Plains College
- Connor Jameson, Ruidoso High School, Colorado State University
- Sarah Olmstead, Capitan High School, Stanford University
- Andee Roach, Ruidoso High School, Central New Mexico Community College
- Marley Roser, Ruidoso High School, Texas Tech University

### **About RLCAR**

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of REALTORS® is the Voice For Real Estate™ in Lincoln County. RLCAR is composed of over 190 REALTOR® members in 62 offices who are involved in residential and commercial real estate, as well as short and long term property management, and real estate appraisal throughout Lincoln County. Our members proudly serve Lincoln County for their real estate needs, but more importantly they are vibrant citizens of each of their communities throughout the county. RLCAR is one of over 1,200 local boards and 54 state and territory organizations of REALTORS® nationwide that make up the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), the nation's largest trade association.