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SIPES awards more than \$30,000 in academic scholarships

Richardson, TX - The SIPES Foundation, overseeing the scientific, educational, and charitable programs of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), announces that six outstanding earth science and engineering students have been selected to receive scholarship awards this year. Applications were accepted from currently enrolled, upper-division or graduate-level students studying any field of earth science or engineering, and who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic achievement.

Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Caroline Mackin**, an undergraduate student in geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin. Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **Natalie G. Kongable**, studying for her MS in geophysics at the University of Oklahoma. Receiving a \$5,000 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Leonardo Rodriguez**, an undergraduate student in petroleum engineering at Texas Tech University.

Also receiving \$5,000 awards are: **Jennifer H. Kinch**, an undergraduate student in mining engineering at Colorado School of Mines; **Clayton Hedges**, pursuing an MS in geology at Oklahoma State University; and **Colton Hayden**, a master's student in geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin.

This year, the family of SIPES member Bobby M. Greenwood has given a scholarship in his honor to a Texas A&M University student. **Alan Innes** is in the master's program for environmental science at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and will receive \$6,000. Mr. Greenwood earned his BS and MS degrees (in geology and geophysics, respectively) from Texas A&M.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 287 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2024 awards was made possible through generous donations from SIPES members, bequests from the Foundation's endowed funds (above), and from designated gifts from the SIPES Midland chapter. The SIPES Foundation also conducts educational seminars, contributes funding to earth science publications and continuing education programs, and maintains a library of earth science films.

SIPES is a national organization of more than 700 self-employed geologists, geophysicists and engineers engaged primarily in domestic energy exploration and development. SIPES has twelve chapters located in oil and gas centers of the United States. Applications for the SIPES Foundation Earth Science Scholarships are available on the SIPES website annually in January.