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PRESS RELEASE

JOHN WALTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING LUBBOCK AREA INSTITUTIONS

Photo Caption: Lubbock Mayor Tray Payne, center back, poses with the recipients of the 2023 John Walton Education Foundation Scholarships on May 18. Photo courtesy of the Lubbock Association of REALTORS®.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS, June 2023 — The Lubbock Association of REALTORS® recently honored 13 local students who received scholarships from the John Walton Education Foundation. This year, \$22,000 in scholarships were awarded by the foundation, which is administered by LAR.

"We are proud to support these deserving students in our area," said JWEF Board of Trustees Chairman and 2023 LAR President Donna Sue Clements. "The John Walton Education Foundation has a long tradition of providing assistance to students in the Lubbock area to continue their education."

Over the years, the foundation has given out more than \$92,000 in scholarships to students attending Texas Tech University, TTU Health Sciences Center, Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University, South Plains College, and accredited Lubbock area trade schools.

"Since the foundation started in 1981, we have strived to honor the foundation's namesake, John Walton," said LAR Association Executive Cade Fowler. "John was a big proponent of higher education and was passionate about his Lubbock community. These scholarships are a way to help deserving students who choose to continue their education here in Lubbock."

This year's winners were honored at a reception on May 18, which was attended by Lubbock Mayor and Realtor Tray Payne. Graham Hutton, a recent Monterey graduate received one of this year's scholarships to attend Texas Tech. He said the scholarship means his dream of becoming a professional musician is one step closer.

"I'm grateful for this scholarship and to the John Walton Education Foundation," Hutton said. "It's going to make starting the next chapter of my life a lot easier."

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