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Loudon and Monroe area Students Awarded Four Year Scholarships

At recent high school awards ceremonies, the Community Church at Tellico Village awarded a 4-year scholarship valued at \$7,000 to the following local students:

- Alexia Angelos, Lenoir City High School: Alexia plans to attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and major in Biology.
- Brooklynn Nicole Herold, Greenback High School Brooklyn plans to attend Western Carolina University and major in Chemistry/Pre-Dental.
- Aaron Lay, Sequoyah High School: Aaron plans to attend Tennessee Tech University and major in Agriculture Communications.
- Lizabeth Simmons, Loudon High School: Lizabeth plans to attend Johnson University and major in Intercultural Studies.

Members of the church's Mission/Scholarship team interview students from each school and chose the individuals based upon their GPA, school and community activity and need.

With these recent awards, the Community Church at Tellico Village, since 1992, has provided 113 scholarships, valued over \$525,000 to students living in Loudon and Monroe counties.

Each student is assigned a mentor by the church's Scholarship Team, they stay in touch with the students and provide encouragement and any assistance that may be required during the term of the scholarship. Each year the Church hosts all active students in the scholarship program to discuss their life and educational status with the congregation during Scholarship Sunday service, it was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Melanie Shepard, Greenback Guidance Counselor: "We are thankful for the Community Church at Tellico Village and those who donated to make this scholarship program possible. The committee does an excellent job in screening all the qualified candidates and making sure they pick someone who is in need yet deserves the scholarship money. For a couple of my students, receiving this award allowed them to attend and continue their education at their dream school. Some may view it just as a donation, but to me, it is CCTV making an investment for a better future."

Heather Waldron, Counselor, Loudon High School; "The scholarship given by the Community Church of Tellico Village means so much to Loudon students. Students get financial support all four years of their educational journey as well as the prayers and support of a wonderful community. Our students are blessed to have such a thoughtful and generous community."

Senior Pastor Steve Prevatte said: “Our church mission is being of service to our community and to serve others. Many of our other 20+ outreach programs such as Habitat for Humanity, The Good Samaritan Center, The Good Shepherd Center, and the Child Advocacy Center are focused as a sense mission within our surrounding area’s as well. We are excited about the impact of the scholarship program and its direct impact on the lives of children and families locally.”

The Community Church at Tellico Village is an inter-denominational church, welcoming all faiths with services on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. This year they are celebrating 30 years serving the local communities in Loudon and Monroe counties.

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