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Dallas, Texas – The SIPES Foundation, overseeing the scientific, educational and charitable programs of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, is pleased to announce that seven 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 students who are U.S. Citizens studying any field of earth science or engineering, and who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Receiving a \$3,000 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Aro Terrell**, a master's degree student in geology at Texas Christian University. Receiving \$2,500 awards from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund; and the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund are **Abram Barker**, a master's degree candidate in geology at the University of Arkansas; and **Tian Dong**, a doctoral candidate in earth science at Rice University. Receiving a \$2,000 award funded by a gift from the SIPES Midland, Texas Chapter is **Amanda Labrado**, a doctoral candidate in geological sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Receiving \$2,000 awards are **Haithem Trabelsi**, a doctoral candidate in systems engineering at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and **Katherine Landoni**, an undergraduate student in earth sciences at Oregon State University; **Claire Bailey**, a doctoral candidate in geology at the University of Texas at El Paso, is receiving a \$1,000 award.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 242 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2017 awards was made possible through generous donations from SIPES Members; bequests from the Foundation's endowed funds above, and from a designated gift from the SIPES Chapter in Midland, Texas. The SIPES Foundation also conducts and films educational seminars, contributes funding to earth science publications and continuing education programs, and maintains an extensive library of earth science films.

The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists is a national organization of more than 1200 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 after March 1.

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