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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 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 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 **Jacqueline Giblin**, a master's degree student in geoscience at the University of Connecticut. Receiving a \$2,500 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Daniel Halford**, a master's degree candidate in geology at the Colorado School of Mines. Receiving a \$2,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **Haithem Trabelsi**, a doctoral candidate in systems engineering with a concentration in petroleum engineering at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Receiving a \$2,000 award funded by a gift from the SIPES Midland, Texas Chapter is **Garrett Goff**, a master's degree student in geology at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Receiving \$1,250 awards are **Audrey Douglas**, a doctoral candidate in coastal and marine system science at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, and **Jonathan Stine**, a doctoral candidate in geosciences at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 249 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2018 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 1,200 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.