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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 \$4,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **Molly McCreary**, a master's degree student in geology at Texas A&M University. Receiving a \$4,000 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Lily A. Newton**, an undergraduate student in geology at Sul Ross State University. Receiving a \$3,400 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Monica Estrada**, a master's degree student in petrophysics at Texas A&M University - Kingsville. Receiving \$3,400 awards are **Adam Lyle**, a master's degree student in engineering at the University of Tulsa, and **Amanda L. Labrado**, a doctoral candidate in geological sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Receiving a \$3,000 award funded by a gift from the SIPES Fort Worth, Texas Chapter is **Nicholas Dusak**, a master's degree student in geology at Texas A&M University.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 259 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2020 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 Fort Worth and Midland chapters. 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.

The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists is a national organization of more than 900 self-employed geologists, geophysicists and engineers engaged primarily in domestic energy exploration and development. SIPES has eleven 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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