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Richardson, 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 Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Haley Thorson**, a master's degree student in geology at Colorado School of Mines. Receiving a \$4,000 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **James E. Rutkofske**, a doctoral candidate in structural geology and tectonics at the University of Texas at El Paso. Receiving a \$3,500 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Sidney Dangtran**, a master's degree student in geology at Texas A&M University.

Receiving \$3,000 awards are **Trisia Tellez**, a bachelor's degree student in environmental geoscience at the University of Texas at El Paso, **Jenelle Wempner**, a master's degree student in geology and geophysics at Texas A&M University, and **Kevin Reece**, a doctoral candidate in geology at Tulane University.

Since its founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 265 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2021 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 800 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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