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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 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 3.0 or higher.

Receiving a \$4,500 award from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund is **Shawn Kekilian**, an undergraduate student in engineering at the University of Tulsa. Receiving a \$4,500 award from the Stephen E. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund is **Jordan Wright**, a doctoral candidate in geology at Southern Methodist University. Receiving a \$4,500 award from the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund is **Rebecca Navarrette**, an undergraduate student in geology at University of Texas, El Paso.

Receiving \$4,500 awards are **Henry Dodds**, a masters student in geology at University of Texas, Dallas, **Joseph Pelren**, a masters student in geology at the Colorado School of Mines, and **Jennifer Kinch**, an undergraduate student in Mining at the Colorado School of Mines.

Receiving a \$3,000 award is **Jordan Walker** a doctoral candidate at Baylor University.

Since it's founding in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to 281 promising earth science and engineering students. Funding for the 2023 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 700 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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