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Recently, the SAME Dallas Post Foundation solicited electronic scholarship applications and we are thrilled to announce we received ten outstanding applications in three categories: *high school*, *undergraduate*, and the newly instituted, inaugural *Dallas Post Veteran Undergraduate* category. Eight Dallas Post Board and Committee Members volunteered to evaluate and discuss candidates. These volunteers include Ben Matthews, F.SAME; Marv Fisher, F.SAME; Fabian Mendoza; Reid Mrsny, F. SAME; Jeff Davis, F.SAME; Jennifer Lawson; Jack Tidwell; and Julie Fisher, F.SAME. Thank you to our volunteers who carefully reviewed these applications and made the very tough choice of selecting this year's recipients.

The evaluations resulted in the award of six scholarships, 3 high school, 2 undergraduate, and 1 Veteran undergraduate. These recipients are being invited to join the monthly Dallas Post luncheon on June 17, 2024, at Maggiano's Plano. We encourage our Post members and guests to register and join us to congratulate these recipients and celebrate our continued efforts to grow and mentor our next generation of STEM professionals. This process achieves several *Objectives* of the *Goals* within our *SAME Strategic Plan* and are critical pillars of our SAME Mission and Vision building the pipeline of our Society's future.

Graduating high school recipients, who will receive a \$2,500 scholarship payable over the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years, include **Jake Adams**, Richardson ISD; **Aadi Vasa**, Frisco ISD; and **Aiden Johnson**, Prosper ISD.

Caroline Reynal, Texas A&M, a past recipient of Dallas Post Foundation scholarships, will receive a one-time award of \$2,500 in the undergraduate category. **Collin Ricketts**, University of North Texas, is the second ranked applicant in our Veteran category and will receive a \$1,000 one-time award in the undergraduate category.

The highest ranked Veteran applicant **James McKinley**, University of North Texas, will receive a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. It is important to note that several of our Dallas Post members are donating personal funds totaling \$2,000 to match the Post Foundation funds of \$2,000, resulting in the \$4,000 inaugural Veteran scholarship. These individual donors include Dave Reynolds, USAF (Ret) F.SAME; Ben Matthews, USAF, F.SAME; Marv Fisher, USAF (Ret) F.SAME; and Julie Fisher, F.SAME.

Please join us in congratulating the 2024 recipients!! These deserving students provide confidence we remain on the right path in mentoring and developing the next generation of STEM professionals in our industry.

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