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Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships

TUCSON, Ariz. (May 11, 2011) – The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (TMCC) and the Tucson Center for Cultural Enrichment (TCCE), a 501(c)3 entity under TMCC, awarded five \$2000 scholarships to Pima County high school students attending the University of Arizona or Pima Community College for the 2011/2012 academic year at a special reception on Tuesday, May 10 at the TMCC offices.

The 2011 scholarship recipients are:

Allison Dutson, Canyon del Oro High School

John McKearney, Marana High School

Daniel McLeod, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

Danielle Oxnam, Mountain View High School

Farzana Rahimi, Rincon High School

TMCC and TCCE began the scholarship program in 2003 with six \$500 scholarships awarded to students studying high tech careers such as engineering and information technology. Since then, the program has evolved to include five \$2000 scholarships awarded to students studying for a variety of career fields including nursing, nanotechnology, and teaching. To date, over \$80,000 in scholarship money has been awarded.

Applicants are required to complete an application and submit an essay explaining their career interest and future career goals. Judges for the scholarship program are members of TMCC's Education Committee. Each year, the judges report back to the committee on what a rewarding experience it is to be a judge and the new hope for the future that is instilled in them by the applicants' essays.

The scholarship program is funded solely by the annual State of Education luncheon held each fall and by private donations.

About The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is to promote a strong local economy. The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based business advocacy and networking organization that represents more than 1,400 businesses, employing more than 125,000 employees in the greater Tucson area. Small business makes up approximately 90 percent of Chamber membership, which mirrors the overall Tucson area business community.

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