

## NEWS RELEASE

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OHIO OIL & GAS ENERGY EDUCATION PROGRAM



### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## OHIO STUDENTS AWARDED ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

**Granville, Ohio.** Twenty-one Ohio students have been awarded a scholarship from the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program (OOGEEP) and the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Foundation (Foundation). These students hail from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and West Virginia.

Representing the following schools and majors are:

**Cedarville University:** Tyler Smith, Waterford, Ohio, Geology Major

**Cleveland State University:** Rebecka Dawood, Cleveland, Ohio, Geology Major

**College of Wooster:** Stephanie Jarvis, Wooster, Ohio, Geology and Biology Major

**Marietta College:** Dean Bendele, Ft. Jennings, Ohio; Scott Burnham, Conneautville, Pennsylvania; Derek Cavender, Ravenswood, West Virginia; Marcus Dangelo, Salem, Ohio; Calvin Donley, Holmesville, Ohio; Ben Geyer, Norwich, Ohio; Matthew Johnson, Cambridge, Ohio; Heath Pottmeyer, Waterford, Ohio; Matthew Boothe, Dublin, Ohio; Andrew Cook, Zanesville, Ohio; John Fryman, Little Hocking, Ohio; Dakota Gutridge, Newark, Ohio; Stacy McCutcheon, Fleming, Ohio; Ellen Schott, Caldwell, Ohio; and Mark Torres, North Aurora, Illinois. All of these students are Petroleum Engineering Majors.

**Ohio State University:** Brianna Vayner, Lake Milton, Ohio, Geosciences Major

**Penn State University:** Abby Miller, Salem, Ohio, Petroleum Engineering Major

**Youngstown State University:** Megan Foster, Petersburg, Ohio, Business Administration Major

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have an energy career goal, and required to be either an Ohio resident or planning to attend or enroll in an Ohio college or university. The students are judged on career goals, essays, letters of recommendation, academic achievement, awards or special recognitions, community service and other outside activities.

"In 2010, Ohio celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first commercial well drilled in the state. Since then more than 273,000 natural gas and crude oil wells have been drilled. Changes in technology and energy demand drive our need to encourage more students to pursue careers in domestic energy production. By establishing scholarship opportunities, we want to reward these outstanding students who will certainly help develop, produce and supply tomorrow's energy needs," states Rhonda Reda, Executive Director, OOGEEP and the Foundation.

In 2010, most of the scholarship funds were recognized through voluntary industry donations and memorial contributions made on behalf of Joseph Patrick Dever, New Concord, Ohio. Mr. Dever passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 39. He was the Operations Manager for Devco Oil, Inc., and was a third generation in the Ohio natural gas and crude oil industry. "Joe would be very pleased to see these students rewarded for their dedication and achievement," adds Phillip Dever, father and President of Devco Oil, Inc.

*The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program is a non-profit statewide public outreach program. The mission of OOGEEP is to facilitate educational, scholarship, safety and training*

*programs; to promote public awareness about the industry; and to demonstrate to the general public the environmental, energy and economic benefits of Ohio's independent natural gas and crude oil producers. OOGEEP is not funded with any tax payer dollars.*

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