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Polar Awards 5 John G. Walters Scholarships and 3 Retiree Scholarships in 2005

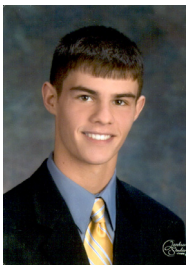
PARK RIVER, ND – May 23, 2005 - The 2005 John G. Walters Scholarships will be awarded to the following students: Timothy Gerszewski of Mayville, Kelby Laxdal of Edinburg, Craig McFadden of Cavalier, and Jarrod Hylden and Megan Myrdal of Park River.

Timothy, son of Ray & Alana Gerszewski will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN. Kelby, son of Mary Laxdal and Kent Laxdal, will attend the University of North Dakota. Craig McFadden, son of Thomas McFadden, will be attending Stanford University. Jarrod Hylden, son of Mark & Esther Hylden, will be attending the Association Free Lutheran Bible School, then Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and Megan Myrdal, daughter of Harold & Charlotte Myrdal, will be attending Concordia College in Moorhead.

The \$500 scholarships will be presented at Polar Communications' Annual Members Meeting on June 9th. The students are high school seniors and were required to submit an essay on "Telecommunications." There were 60 applications submitted this year. The judges of these essays were educators from Polar's service area. John G. Walters was employed as General Manager of Polar in 1954, and retired in 1973. Mr. Walters passed away on July 6, 1992.

Polar Communications, in cooperation with its retired employees and directors, also awards \$1500 Retiree Scholarships at the Annual Members Meeting. This year we have three recipients of Polar's Retiree Scholarship; Michael Waechter of Park River, Kevin Cushing of Tioga, and Kurt Carpenter of St. John. This scholarship is awarded to college students, who upon graduation from a technical college or four-year college, intend to work in the telecommunications industry within the state of North Dakota.

Congratulations to these scholarship winners and thanks to all of the students who took the time to apply for the scholarships.



Timothy Gerszewski



Kelby Laxdal



Craig McFadden



Jarrod Hylden



Megan Myrdal



Michael Waechter



Kevin Cushing
(Not Pictured - Kurt Carpenter)