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## **Polar Grants Scholarships and Awards to Local Youth**

PARK RIVER – May 7, 2018 - Polar Communications is pleased to announce its 2018 scholarship and award recipients.

### **John G. Walters Scholarship**

This year Polar awarded five \$1,000 scholarships in honor of former General Manager John G. Walters. The awards are given to outstanding high school seniors whose parents or guardians are current subscribers of Polar Communications or its subsidiaries. Applicants are judged on essay content, grammar, academic achievement and community involvement.

This year's winners are Alan Gilbertson – Dakota Prairie High School, Austin Urlaub – Cavalier High School, Emily Kennelly – St. Thomas Public School, Kristen Larson – Park River Area School and Luke Newell – North Border Pembina School.

### **Polar Leadership Scholarship**

The Leadership Scholarship is sponsored by Polar Communications, in cooperation with its retired employees. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is involved in their school, serves their community, achieves leadership roles in activities, functions or organizations, and strives to reach their highest potential. Consideration is also given to any work or internship experience outside of school. Applicants must be a senior in high school or freshman or sophomore in college, and their parents or guardians must be Polar customers.

The recipient of the 2018 Polar Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 is being awarded to Tobias Zikmund, a senior at Park River Area School.

### **Foundation for Rural Service Named Scholarship**

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company. In 2018, the foundation received over

1,300 applications from across rural America with 53 awardees selected. The program includes several named scholarship opportunities. Polar Communications is fortunate to have a student from our service area receive one of the named scholarships. Polar is proud to sponsor this program and announce the recipient of a \$1,000 NISC Community Leadership Scholarship to Kristen Larson, a senior at Park River Area School.

#### **Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour**

Each year, in collaboration with NTCA member companies, FRS brings rural students from across the United States to Washington, D.C., for a four-day tour of some of the most historical sites in the nation. While there, students also learn about the telecommunications industry, as well as the regulatory and legislative processes.

This year's Youth Tour will be held June 2-6. Polar is proud to sponsor Alyssa Kemp of Cavalier and Karina Whaley of Fordville for this trip.

Congratulations to all our scholarship and award recipients!