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Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company Announces Scholarship Recipient

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) and The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) are proud to announce a Stuart Public High School senior from Stuart, NE is a \$2,500 national scholarship recipient!

Two minutes before the last bell rang on their final day of school on Tuesday, May 9th, a surprise guest appeared from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company at Stuart Public High School.

“About a month or two ago a lot of people applied for scholarships from across the country. And we were lucky to have a winner here in your class, so that’s pretty cool! Chiana, are you here?” NNTC GM Pat McElroy announced to the senior class.

A round of applause broke out and Chiana Tubbs graciously joined McElroy.

“You are a scholarship winner with FRS! We’re a part of a trade association and with that we give out scholarships. You were one of 42 scholarship recipients from across the county out of eleven hundred applicants, so that’s quite an honor,” McElroy explained to Chiana and her fellow classmates.

“I was so surprised; I had no idea it was happening! I’m going to double major in biology and chemistry and come back to my hometown and work as a physician’s assistant,” Chiana shared.

Chiana Tubbs will attend Morningside University in Sioux City, IA this fall.

The FRS Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural communities for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company that also contributes a portion of the scholarship award.

“Providing opportunities for young people in rural communities is a core mission for FRS. We are proud to partner with NTCA member companies and generous individuals in the industry to make these scholarships possible each year. Congratulations to Chiana Tubbs,” said Pam Becker, Executive Director of FRS.

This year FRS awarded a total of \$124,000 for 42 scholarships to students across the country. A full list of scholarship awardees and the NTCA member companies who are partnering with FRS to make the funding possible is available online. www.frs.org.

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About NNTC:

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company is a telephone, internet and television service provider headquartered in Jackson, NE. NNTC serves 30 communities throughout 24 counties in northeast Nebraska. Founded in 1955, NNTC is one of Nebraska's first telephone cooperatives providing fiber service to 100% of its customers.

About FRS:

Founded in 1994, The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

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