Wilson Talent Center Awards Over $21,000 in Scholarships

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in a virtual ceremony, the Wilson Talent Center (WTC) awarded just over $21,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. To be eligible, students needed to complete a scholarship application and have a recommendation from their WTC instructor. The scholarships were made possible by generous donations from individuals, businesses and community partners.

The Wilson Talent Center, a Career & Technical Education (CTE) program operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers CTE programs to high school juniors and seniors. Students spend half of their school day at the WTC and the other half at their local district. Students can earn high school credit, free college credit and state and national certifications during their time at the WTC. This year’s 31 seniors receiving scholarships include:

- Accident Fund Insurance Company Scholarship, Maddie Mays (Dansville)
- Campbell Press Repair Scholarship, Adam Perez-Alvarez (Waverly)
- Capital Area Tooling Partnership Scholarship, Drake Buckner (Holt)
- Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Scholarship, Rachel Briggs (Dansville)
- Tim Wilson Memorial Fund Scholarships, Skylar Medes (Holt) and Emily Morris (Mason)
- Ware’s Pharmacy Scholarship, Mackenzie Kruizenga (Mason)
- Applegate Home Comfort Scholarship, Ryan Shaw (Williamston)
- Greater Lansing Home Builders Association Scholarship, Abigail Sanchez (Eastern)
- Monarch Investment & Management Group Scholarship, Dominic Bickley (Stockbridge)
- The Meridian Company Scholarship, Dalton Frank (Haslett)
- BLiS Gourmet Scholarship, Zoey Foss (Fowlerville)
- Fresh & Furious Food Truck Scholarship, Emily Voisinet (St. Johns)
- Deputy Grant W. Whitaker Memorial Scholarship, Hayden Pell (Mason)
- Jeff Broughton Communication Services Scholarship, Jalen Nelson (Dansville)
• Ron Webber Educational Foundation Scholarships, Hayley VanAlstine (Waverly), Aiden Millmore (East Lansing), Lorelei Weber (Mason) and Caleb Morris (Waverly)
• Troy Eaton Memorial Welding Scholarships, Braden Cline (Williamston) and Calvin Kittendorf (Williamston)
• Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 333 Scholarship, Arianne Davis (Fowlerville)
• It’s Yours Signs, Apparel & More Scholarship, Ian Bannan (Haslett)
• Shaheen Chevrolet & Cadillac Scholarship, Christopher Clover (Haslett)
• Student Success Scholarships, Matthew Gaydos (Haslett), Sheryl Houseman (Holt) and Jacob Heeschen (Haslett)
• Walmart First Generation Scholarships, Jordan Fritz (Waverly), Madison Kamae (Mason), Janaia Amos (East Lansing) and Ethan Reynolds (Holt)

“We are incredibly proud to honor these graduating seniors and provide them with some assistance in taking the next steps on their educational journey,” notes Joe Wenzel, principal at the WTC. “This event and these scholarships would not be possible without the generous support of many business and community partners. In a tough year for many of us, it is through their generosity that we were able to show these students others care about their futures,” Wenzel also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit Wilson Talent Center (www.inghamisd.org/wtc).

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