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Forty High School Students Awarded Boettcher Scholarships  
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Tim Schultz, President and Executive Director of the Boettcher Foundation, is pleased to announce the 40 recipients of the 2009 Boettcher Foundation Scholarships.

Each year, the Boettcher Foundation grants 40 merit-based Scholarships to superior young persons from Colorado high schools. Begun in 1952 as a statewide competition recognizing scholarship, leadership and achievement in young men and women, the program has sought to reward outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions to Colorado. Since the program's inception, the Foundation has awarded over 2,200 scholarships. The Boettcher Foundation provides in excess of \$3 million in annual Scholarship support, making the program one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the nation.

The Boettcher Scholarship awards cover virtually all college expenses for recipients who choose to further their education in their home state of Colorado. The Scholarships consist of full tuition, fees and a book allowance, as well as an annual stipend for living expenses and the opportunity to earn competitive International Education and Educational Enrichment Grants. Scholarship awards are granted for eight semesters or 12 quarters at either a public or private four-year college or university within the state. Scholars must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to renew their awards every year.

Selection is strictly “merit-based,” allowing all high school seniors in Colorado to compete based upon their individual accomplishments. This year’s Scholarship winners were selected from over 1,200 qualified applicants on the basis of their academic performance, demonstrated ability, outstanding character and their participation and leadership in both school and community activities. To be eligible for one of these prestigious awards, students must rank among the top 5% of their graduating class, have a score of at least 1200 on the Critical Reading and Math sections of the SAT or 27 on the ACT, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have been a Colorado resident for their junior and senior years of high school.

The class of 2009 Boettcher Scholars is a truly remarkable group of people. The Scholars averaged a score of 32 on the ACT and 1391 on the SAT, including three Scholars who received a perfect score on the ACT. Moreover, the group of Scholars includes:

- 26 Scholars who ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in their class and three who ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in graduating classes ranging from 5 to 896 students
- 15 Student Body Presidents
- 35 Students active in National Honor Society, with 11 acting as Chapter President
- 9 Students involved with the Thespian Society or Drama Club
- Exchange students and word travelers to countries including Honduras, Guatemala, Paris, England, Mexico, Costa Rica, China, India, Japan and Peru
- 2 Students who work in Therapeutic Horseback Riding Programs
- 7 Eagle Scouts
- Over 30 Students accomplished in over 12 different instruments
- 13 Competitors in F.B.L.A., 4 Students in FCCLA, 4 Students in DECA, and 3 Students in FFA

- Founder and director of Hygiene for Humanity, a local non-profit organization
- 24 Scholars active in 24 different sports from Basketball to Bullwhipping, Swimming to Trapshooting, and Track to Fly-fishing
- 2 State DECA Officers
- 8 Knowledge Bowl competitors and 2 Science Bowl competitors
- 1 Certified scuba diver and 1 certified Nursing Assistant
- 7 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar Participants
- A junior archaeologist who discovered a 55-year old turtle shell in Wyoming
- 2 students who grew up in countries outside the United States

These are just some of the amazing accomplishments of the class of 2009 Boettcher Scholars.

The Trustees of Boettcher Foundation are: Larry A. Allen, M.D.; Pamela D. Beardsley; M. Ann Penny; Theodore F. Schlegel, M.D.; Harris D. Sherman; Edward D. White III; Thomas Williams; and Donald Woods.

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