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THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES EIGHT NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON – The Association on American Indian Affairs, the oldest non-profit organization advocating on behalf of Native Americans and Indian Tribes, has announced eight new graduate and undergraduate scholarship recipients. The eight students were chosen from over 300 applications and join twelve current scholars who are beneficiaries of the Association’s continuing scholarship program. The scholarships are funded partly by an endowment created to provide scholarships to Native Americans, and by donations from the public.

The Association’s new scholarship recipients are:

- Alexis Wagner from the Metlakatla Indian Community, attending University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in Rural Development
- Andrew Garcia from the Tohono O’odham Nation, attending Central Arizona College and seeking an Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a business focus
- Presleigh Smiley from the Navajo Nation, attending the University of New Mexico, and seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Blythe George from the Yurok Tribe, attending Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Science, and seeking a Doctorate in Sociology and Social Policy
- Keith BraveHeart from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, attending the University of South Dakota, and seeking a Master of Fine Arts in Painting
- Shannon Zullo from the Navajo Nation, attending the University of Arizona College of Medicine, and seeking a Doctor of Medicine degree
- Kellen Claymore from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, attending Black Hills State University, and seeking a Bachelor of Arts double degree in Sociology and Psychology
- Jael Whitney from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, attending Kansas State University, and seeking a Bachelor degree in Marketing

“The Association is so grateful that we are able to provide assistance to strong graduate and undergraduate Native American students who are connected to their culture and seek to give back to Indian Country,” said Frank Ettawageshik, President of the Association’s Board of Directors. “We wish we could provide more support because there continues to be a great need to educate our next generation.”

Each graduate or undergraduate degree seeking student who is a part of the program receives \$750 twice per year until the student completes his or her degree, as long as the student maintains a 2.5 grade point average and keeps in contact with the Association. The Association is looking for continuing support in its efforts to fund Native American scholars, as well as the Association’s other programs that protect Indian Country’s cultural sovereignty. Please make a donation today and consider the Association in your estate planning.

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The [Association on American Indian Affairs](http://www.Indian-Affairs.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in New York City in 1922. The Association advocates for changes to national Indian policy and provides on the ground programming for Indian Country in areas of education, health, children and youth, environmental and cultural preservation, and cultural sovereignty.