Medtronic News

Eighteen North Suburban High School Graduates Named 2012 Medtronic Scholars

Medtronic Foundation has committed nearly $1.5 million in local scholarships.

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 30, 2012--The Medtronic Foundation today announced that 18 students have been selected as 2012 Medtronic Scholars. Each will receive a four-year scholarship totaling $16,000, as well as support services to assist them in their collegiate studies. Comprised of students representing nine Twin Cities' north suburban high schools, the class of 2012 Medtronic Scholars will be honored at a May 7, 2012 celebration at Medtronic World Headquarters in Fridley.

Medtronic Scholars are chosen for their academic records, demonstrated leadership, community service and participation in extra-curricular activities. Recipients include:

	Student	High School	College Attending
--	Jean Diaz	Blaine	Iowa State University
--	Amanda Weitgenant	Blaine	North Dakota State University
--	Alyssa Rodriguez	Brooklyn Center	Undecided
--	Gina Xiong	Brooklyn Center	University of MN - TC
--	Rebecca Bluhm	Columbia Heights	University of MN - TC
--	Angelica Toledo	Columbia Heights	Undecided
--	Andrea Deerberg	Coon Rapids	University of MN - TC
--	Hawi Tilahune	Coon Rapids	Macalester College
--	Damaris Santiago Ojeda	Fridley	Augsburg College
--	Meian Yu	Fridley	University of MN - TC
--	Jordan Anderson	Irondale	University of MN - TC
--	Matthew Johnson	Irondale	St. Olaf College
--	Holly Israelson	Mounds View	University of MN - TC
--	Matthew Wildes	Mounds View	Hamline University
--	Michael LeRoy	Park Center	Augsburg College
--	Jake Schultz	Park Center	St. Johns University
--	Erich Erdmann	Spring Lake Park	University of MN - TC
--	Vivian Nguyen	Spring Lake Park	University of MN - TC

This is the fifth year of the Medtronic Scholars program, with the Medtronic Foundation continuing to add 18 scholars each year. To date, the Medtronic Foundation has committed $1,440,000 to local scholars through this program.

The Medtronic Scholars program was created in partnership with Wallin Education Partners, which will administer the scholarships and provide comprehensive advising services to award winners to help ensure college graduation. Since 1991, the Wallin Education Partners program has awarded more than 3,200 scholarships and more than $30 million dollars to support high-potential students with financial need from Minneapolis, Anoka-Hennepin, St. Paul and North Metro district high schools.

About the Medtronic Foundation

The Medtronic Foundation is committed to improving the lives of people around the world living with chronic disease. Its grant making is focused in three areas: health, education and community.

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