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TWO AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP

SHAWNEE, Kan. June, 2011 - The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce awarded its annual Betty Charlton Scholarships for 2011. Hannah Sharpe and Paige Stevens, both recent graduates of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, were the recipients of this award.

The scholarship was founded in memory of Betty Charlton, a long-time Chamber employee, to provide education assistance to outstanding, area high-school seniors. The scholarship selection committee focused on community involvement and leadership skills to select the winners. Hannah and Paige met or exceeded all of the criteria for this scholarship with their outstanding extracurricular, academic achievement and community activities.

Hannah and Paige were awarded this year's scholarship at the Chamber's monthly-membership meeting, June 8, 2011 at Lake Quivira Country Club. Hannah will be attending Kansas State University and plans to major in Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics. Paige will be attending Colorado School of Mines and will major in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Bioengineering and Life Sciences.



Linda Leeper, Chamber President, awards scholarship recipient, Hannah Sharpe. Hannah is pictured with parents, Doug and Mary.



Linda Leeper, Chamber President, awards scholarship recipient, Paige Stevens. Paige is pictured with her parents, James and Susan.

The June Luncheon was sponsored by Lake Quivira Country Club. Congressman Kevin Yoder spoke at the luncheon about the importance of leadership in the community and congratulated the scholarship winners. He also gave an update of the current issues in Washington D.C. The 2011 Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership class was also recognized for their graduation from the leadership program.

About the Chamber:

Established in 1946, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization that works to preserve the best possible business climate and quality of life for Shawnee. With over 650 business members, the Shawnee Chamber Corporation (501C6) is comprised of two divisions: the Economic Development Council, and the

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