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**Six Local Students Receive the Trooper Ponder Memorial Scholarship
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (June 20, 2020) — Six Hardin County students received the Trooper Ponder Memorial Scholarship from Central Kentucky Community Foundation.

Trooper Cameron Ponder was a 2002 graduate of North Hardin High School, where he played baseball, football and ran track. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy, and in 2015 graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy. He lost his life in the line of duty in 2015. This scholarship honors his life of service by awarding \$954, representing his badge number, to each recipient.

The recipients are Ann Bell, daughter of Jason and Janae Bell, a Elizabethtown High School graduate who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study marketing; Gannon McMillian, son of James and Jennifer McMillian, a John Hardin High School graduate who plans to attend the University of Alabama at Huntsville to study aerospace engineering; Isabelle Hobbs, daughter of James and Angela Hobbs, a graduate of Central Hardin High School who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study psychology; Isaiah Skaggs, son of Mickie and April Skaggs, a graduate of North Hardin Christian School who plans to attend the University of Louisville to study mechanical engineering; Kedrick Lin, son of Jian Lin and Jin Zhang, a graduate of North Hardin High School, who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study electrical engineering; and Liam Kaune, son of Patrick and Jetta Kaune, a graduate of Fort Knox High School who plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to study parks and recreation administration.

"Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. "Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It's an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals."

The Trooper Ponder Memorial Scholarship is part of the 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation's scholarship awards program. You can watch it at https://youtu.be/qqlS2Y_XyKw.

To establish a scholarship fund or to find out more information on this scholarship and other scholarships available to students, go to <http://ckcf4people.org/scholarships/>.

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