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Press Release

\$15,000 in Local Scholarships Awarded

Inland Development Corp. awards 15 local high school students \$1,000 scholarships

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Growth takes many forms, and in 2012, part of the growth for Inland Development and Windwave Communications included awarding 15 high school seniors with \$1,000 scholarships for the college of their choice. The second annual Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship was received by five students each from the cities of Heppner, Lone, and Boardman.

Inland Development's original mission centered around providing the same high-speed fiber access to the rural communities of Eastern Oregon to ensure that our children receive the same advantages as those in Portland or Eugene.

According to General Manager Pat Lauritsen: *"Beginning in 2011, the board realized the opportunity to award the first scholarships that were part of the original vision, and the Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship Fund commenced with 13 recipients that year."*

In 2012, 15 recipients received the award, which is based on merit and local recommendations.

Heppner scholarship recipients include Justin Pranger, Natalie Rauch, Connor Pappas, Zech Hintz, and Tayllor Gould.

Lone scholarship recipients are JoAnna Patton, Shannon Metcalfe, Kaytee Burghard, Steven Holland, and Adam Collin.

Boardman scholarship recipients consist of Taylor Wightman, Mayra Prado Reyes, Mykel E. Keefer, Ky-Leigh A. Nelson, and Sean Shimer.

"These 15 scholarships were awarded to students in Morrow County where Inland Development and Windwave were formed," says Lauritsen, *"and we hope that with continued growth we'll award throughout the seven counties we serve in the coming years."*

Nate Arbogast was the founding General Manager for Inland Development, who passed in 2010 after a skiing accident. The Inland Development Board created the scholarship fund in his honor.

Inland Development Corporation, a non-profit entity, focuses on providing fiber optic broadband services to educational, healthcare, and government organizations in the state of Oregon.