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Salutes the 2021 Arkansas Scholar Graduates

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic that impacted every aspect of society including education, we acknowledge that the 2020 Arkansas Scholars received more stellar memories that will never be forgotten. Although they missed many of the pomp and circumstance of the graduation ceremonies, the COVID Vaccine has been made available to all adults and those age 12+ which allowed less restrictive protocols by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

To ALL of the 2021 Arkansas Scholars Graduates, while we have began the return to a new normalcy, the ABEA Board of Directors salute and celebrate you on your accomplishments. As you begin your education journey beyond high school, we wish you the best and trust that your future will be bright as you pursue your chosen career path.

Arkansas Business & Education Alliance (ABEA), organized in 1990, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of education in Arkansas. ABEA's purpose is to be a responsible advocate for better educational opportunities for all students. ABEA is a business organization that believes our state must continue on the path of doing a better job of educating all students. We believe that this goal is achievable only if we can place people on a pathway to prosperity and help them to become individuals who will grow into productive citizens, parents and contributors to the state's economy.

The Arkansas Business & Education Alliance seeks to become more involved in schools to encourage academic achievement among students. ABEA's primary program to promote both community involvement and academic achievement is Arkansas Scholars. The program is sponsored by business and chamber of commerce in several local business leaders across the state who serve as examples of what academic achievement will do for an individual if he/she will apply themselves while in the classroom. The program provides steps for how students can be successful in the classroom. It also encourages mentoring between students and adult leaders, teachers challenge the students to be successful in their classes, parents of high school to receive a positive future. Arkansas Scholars prepare students for education and training beyond high school, the workforce and/or the military. This strategy ultimately increases the number of Arkansas students who attend a college degree and raises the level of achievement and quality of life for the state.

Now in its' thirty-first year, the mission of ABEA continues to promote and support Arkansas Scholars, the organization's signature program, which targets eighth grade students across the state. The definition of Arkansas Scholars are to encourage and motivate students to achieve the "SMART CORE" curriculum while attending high school, and to make a semester grade of "C" or better semester grade in all courses throughout the four years, maintain a 95% attendance record and graduate on time in eight consecutive semesters.

The ABEA is operated by a volunteer board of directors which includes individuals who are education advocates and believe that an alliance of business & education can make a difference. The current board members are

Dana Tatum (President) – Retired –Entergy Arkansas; Allen Decker (Treasurer) – Tyson Foods; Mike Mahony – El Dorado Education Foundation; Dr. Jerry Guess – Retired – Arkansas Living; Lee Vest, Superintendent – Bryant Public Schools; Dr. Jim Rhoads – Retired – El Dorado College Planners.

Thank you to all participating Chambers of Commerce and contributing organizations across the state and along with local school districts for being an outstanding partner in promoting the benefits of being an Arkansas Scholar.

Additional information about ABEA or Arkansas Scholars can be viewed at www.arkansasscholars.org.

ALMA HIGH SCHOOL
Ashley Aguilar-Rios
Kaylee Allen
Lahjer Anderson
Ashley Arias
Delaney Baker
Drew Battles
Ashley Bellamy
Andrea Bittinghofer
Lydia Bowerman
Ashley Brown
Ashley Bryant
Caleb Brown
Ashley Burgess
Cayden Burns
Ashley Cantrell
Barbie Stephens
Jacob Cousey
Ashley Crawford
Cole Crouch
Alex Dale
Ashley Davis
Ethan Davis
Courtney Davis
Kaylee Dawson
Kaylee Dewitt
Cade Dudley
Lilah Dunn
Ashley James
Ashley Jones
Ashley Jones
Tatum Jordan
Ashley Kelly
Gabriel Burch
Brylee Kines
Ashley Kirkendoll
Kaylee Knox
Ashley Lacy
Lance Lanford
Gracie Larry
Ashley Lewis
Caitlin Lindsey
Zachery McCoy
Ashley Mills
Kaylee Moore
Marlon Nunez
Hannah Mondal
Ashley Nunley
Mackenzie Nunley
Ronaldo Garcia
Ashley Ortiz
Eden Glenn
Abigail Grant
Ashley Pearson
Ashley Pell
Hanner Hall
Ashley Pennington
Abbey Kelendar
Ashton Hancock
Ashley Perez
Jaylynn Petree
Ashley Pierce
Landon Hendrix
Tyler Hanson
Ashley Ramirez
Ashley Rhodes
Haden Rhoads
Ashley Rios
Chase Hughes
Dakota Ivy
Ashley Robinson
Chris Kahler
Lillian King
Ashley Rodriguez
Kylie Lambrecht
Jadyn Langston
Ashley Rogers
Ryan Rowe
Ashley Rowland
Ashley Ruiz
Mason Morris
Austin Murray
Ashley Sanchez
Jaylen Parker
Caroline Polk
Ashley Sims
Felicity Price
Tyler Pruett
Ashley Sorrells
Hannah Stanley
Madison Reynolds
Ashley Stone
Jacob Rhoton
Ryan Robinson
Jackson Scott
Ashley Smith
Ashley Stone
Regan Skinner
Ashley Tapia
Ashley Tarvin
Ashley Thomas
Ashley Tolbert
Ashley Torres
Ashley Vaughn
Ashley Wade
Ashley Wallace
Ashley Wilson
Ashley Wright
Ashley Yates
Ashley Zamora
Ashley Zuniga
Madison Williams
Jim "Tyler" Young

BUFFALO ISLAND CENTRAL
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Ashley Bartholomew
Hayley Bogard
Makayla Bolder
Ashley Bowlin
Cassidy Brown
Emily Hampton
Cody Harrell
Jashleen Harrison
Ashley Hawkins
Nina Manning
Arkansa Williams
Kristin Rice
Chloe Pierce
Ashley Pope
Ashley Reeves
Caleb Suber

CAMDEN FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
Ashton Adkins
Jennifer Cano
Ashley Cash
Tristyn Cash
Reshard Clardy
Ty Clark
Brina Cromwell
Dylan Clark
Ashley Cummings
Savannah Dunn
Kaleon Elliott
Ty'Ron Ellis
Jon Evans
Grace Tice
Ashley Thompson

CADE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Cassidy Bailey
Danielle Hawkins
Eric Inscore
Ashley Jones
Ashley Kimbrough
Kirsten McCormick
Ashley Mcdonald
Teyla McLaughlin
Ashley Mitchell
Ashley Nelson
Gracie Pate
Tatum Pierce
Ashley Pope
Natia Zapata Rios

BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL
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Grace Brown
Devin Buffalo
Ashley Burns
Cameron Cantrell
Ethan Cantrell
Emma Cobble
Sierra Gordon
Ashley Grace
Cullin Jones
Sienna Johnston
Ashley Lee
Jack Massello
Ashley Mayo
Madison Montgomery
Mckinley Rice
Ryan Rice
Eli Sowell
Annalee Slaton
Sara Terrell
Gracie Tice
Ashley Thompson

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Ashley Bailey
Jordan Barnes
Ashley Bell
Bailey Bell
Jordan Bellamy
Jordan Bellamy
Jordan Bellamy