

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Grand Valley Power Selects 2019 Scholarship Winners

Eight students awarded GVP scholarships for continuing education

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (April 4, 2019) – The Grand Valley Power Scholarship Committee has selected eight outstanding students to receive scholarships to pursue undergraduate degrees. The committee determines who is selected based on various elements such as academic performance, essay composition, achievements, financial need and community or school involvement. Applicants must also be pursuing undergraduate degrees and currently reside in a home that receives electricity from Grand Valley Power. Since 1996, Grand Valley Power has awarded over \$174,000 to students who are continuing education.

The 2019 scholarship recipients are listed below:

**Jack Broughton – Colorado Mesa University Scholarship** - \$2,000 (renewable for three years)

**TyLee Brown** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School and will be attending Colorado Mesa University. TyLee is planning on pursuing her career as a health care professional. She has volunteered over 200 hours in our community with students and at HopeWest. She also is an active member of the FMHS swim team and National Honor Society.

**Grand Valley Power Scholarship** - This one-time \$1,500 scholarship (per person) is awarded to students who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education.

**Kia Holton** is a graduating senior at Central High School and is planning on pursuing a career in biomedical engineering. Kia is very active in the Speech and Debate team, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Knowledge Bowl Key Club and Rec Club. She is still deciding on what university she would like to attend.

**Lauren Amos** is a graduating senior at Plateau Valley High School and is planning on pursuing a degree in speech pathology and psychology. Lauren frequently volunteer's and is involved with National Honor Society and volleyball, in addition working as a camp counselor at Camp7. She is still deciding on what university she would like to attend.

**Peiten Barton** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School and will pursue a career in cosmetology. Peiten commits her time volunteering at different retirement communities styling hair and painting nails. In addition, Peiten holds a part-time job and is involved with cheerleading at FMHS. She will be attending the Technical College of Rockies.

**Makayla Moran** is a graduating senior at Grand Junction High School and will pursue a degree in biology. Makayla has been heavily involved in sports including cross country, swim and track. In addition, she is the vice president of the Spanish Club and National Spanish Honor Society, and a member in the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she fundraises and volunteers for Help Light the Night and Amigos de las Americas. She is an excellent student and is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2019. She will attend the University of Colorado – Boulder.

**Kassidy Wilkerson** is a graduating senior at Plateau Valley High School and will pursue a degree in psychology. Kassidy participates in three sports – volleyball, track and basketball. In addition, she’s a member of the National Honor Society, leadership class and student council and spends spare time volunteering. Daily, she drives to Colorado Mesa University to attend college courses. She is still deciding on where she would like to pursue her degree.

**Jeron Walck** is a graduating senior at De Beque High School and will pursue a degree in diesel technology. Jeron trailblazed the first work-study internship program with school administration, which enabled him to earn school credit along with real-life experience working as a mechanic in Fruita. In addition, he is an active member of FFA, the National Honor Society and football. He will attend Sheridan College.

**Western Colorado Community College Scholarship** – This one-time \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending any program at Western Colorado Community College.

**Wyatt Bramwell** is a current Western Colorado Community College student studying diesel/automotive mechanic technology and will be continuing his education to attain a business management minor. Wyatt has been a part of numerous clubs and is currently active in the Colorado Mesa University Rodeo Team.

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