2017 VDTA / Epstein Scholarship Winners

Faith Carpenter

Faith Carpenter, presently of College Station, TX, is continuing her education as a sophomore at Blinn College, Brenham, TX with the intent of receiving a degree in Accounting and Business Management. Prior to college, Faith was involved in her high school's FFA program for four consecutive years, the award-winning Rudder High School RangeRette Drill Team, and PALS (Peer Assistance and Leadership) mentoring program. Today, she still actively seeks community involvement working with the Harley Davidson Toy Run and as an employee at her father's business, Sew Vac Direct. She one day hopes to take over the family business and put her college degrees to good use. Faith is the daughter of VDTA•SDTA member Doug Carpenter, Sew Vac Direct.

Excerpt from recommendation letter:
"Since I've known Faith, she always challenges herself to 'do more.' It is obvious to me that she is an ethical young citizen who is committed to family, friends, academics, and community."

Brady Yarbrough

Originally from Santa Paula, CA, Brady Yarbrough attended Bueña High School and is currently a college freshman at Idaho State University. While in high school, Brady was a member of the J.V. and Varsity wrestling teams, Knowledge Bowl Team, and Chess Club. As a student athlete, he received both Coaches and MVP Awards for his accomplishments. Now as an undergraduate, he is pursuing a degree in Engineering. His career goal is to create and modify mobility devices and prosthetics used by individuals with disabilities or amputations. Brady is the son of VDTA•SDTA member Matt Yarbrough, All Vac Sales and Service.

Excerpt from recommendation letter:
"Brady is a dedicated and hardworking young man who is trustworthy, honest, and helpful - and has made numerous positive contributions to the [community]. He has a great personality, is always cheerful, and strives to do his best."