

Graham County Electric Scholarship Winners

Graham County Electric Cooperative Foundation honored seven students in our community with scholarships.

Caitlin Hinton

of Ft. Thomas High School is from the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Her parents are Edwin and Dorothy Pike. She enjoys riding horses and her horse recently had a baby colt. Caitlin's hobbies and interests include round-ups, cattle drives and pretty much anything with horses. Her academic plans are to attend Eastern Arizona College to study wildlife biology. Caitlin stated she was grateful to have received this scholarship and knows it will be a big help.



Leigh Dona

lives in Bylas and graduated from Ft. Thomas High School with a 3.1 GPA. She is excited to attend Eastern Arizona College to begin her education as a registered nurse and to follow in the footsteps of her mother, Sharon Lang. Leigh says she appreciates this opportunity.



Mark and Ruth

Vining are the proud parents of **Michael Vining**, who graduated a semester early from Mt. Graham



High School. He has many interests: Future Business Leaders Association, dancing, backstage areas of theater and working with the elderly. Prior to Mt. Graham, he attended Thatcher High School, where he served as the president of the chess club and was also the Eagle mascot. He plans to use his scholarship at Eastern Arizona College to get his

associate degree.

"I'm sincerely appreciative of the generosity I received from Graham County Electric Cooperative Foundation. Thank you".

Alexis Cassady

has a passion to help others and work with children. She attended Mt. Graham High School with a 3.0 GPA. She loves spending time with her 1-year-old son, James, and her family. She enjoys fishing, going for walks and watching movies. While attending school, her favorite subject was English, and she enjoys reading and writing. Alexis enjoys working with children and is employed at the Boys and Girls Club of the Gila Valley. She is the daughter of Justin and Cassandra Amundson.



Danika

Derrick, the daughter of Mike and Raime Derrick, attended Pima High School with a 4.0 GPA and was 10th in her class. She was involved in the Link Crew Program, which assists freshmen through their first year of high school. She participated in volleyball and track, and since sixth grade was involved in the Gila Valley Juniors club volleyball. After high school, she plans to attend South Mountain Community College to play volleyball and study nutrition.



Dante Bryce

is the son of James and Julie Bryce. He completed his Safford High School career with a 3.79 GPA. He was a member of National Honor Society, Academic Team and student



council, serving as student body president. He played soccer, which earned him an athletic scholarship to attend Gillette College. His goal is go to a university to obtain a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and complete his soccer career. Dante represented the city of Safford as an Arizona Boys State delegate. He is excited and appreciates all who have helped him turn his college dreams into reality.

Thatcher High School recipient **Frederico (Rico) Garcia**,

is the son of Frederico and Millynda Garcia. He participated in FBLA, FCCLA and Skills USA, serving as vice president for two consecutive years in FBLA. Rico earned the following awards: Building Better Members (two times), Business Achievement and Community Service. His interests are business, computer aided drafting and design, mechanical engineering and music.



To further his education, Rico plans to attend Eastern Arizona College to earn an associate degree. He has been playing and writing music since the age of 5. He hopes to make it big in the music industry. He hopes to own a drafting business, where he will draft architectural plans and mechanical parts for clients as well as tour the world as a DJ and music producer.

One of the reasons Graham County Electric Cooperative Foundation was created was to support learning and education for youth in our community. All the recipients are thankful for this opportunity to continue their education. ■

Seniors can apply for a scholarship through their councilor at Ft. Thomas, Mt. Graham, Pima, Safford and Thatcher high schools.