

Respiratory Care Foundation of Texas
Announces 2017 Educational Grant Recipients

Once again, the RCFT was pleased to announce the recipients of their educational grants at the Annual Meeting of the TSRC in Waco.

The foundation was able to award four grants with a total disbursement of \$2500. Bill Young, chairman of the grants committee and those who read and ranked the papers are to be commended.

This year, papers and applications for educational grants came in from 18 students enrolled in Respiratory Care programs across the state including six entries from St. Philips College in San Antonio, two entries each from Collin College in McKinney and Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, and one entry each from Lone Star College in Kingwood, McClennan Community College in Waco, San Antonio College in San Antonio, South Plains College in Lubbock, Texas Southmost College in Brownsville, Texas State University in San Marcos, Weatherford College in Weatherford and the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

This year's grant recipients are as follows:

Fourth place, the Roy Wagner Grant for \$500 went to Sam Chong for his paper titled "Croup vs. Epiglottitis." Sam is from Converse and attends St. Philip's College.

Third place, the Woody Kageler, MD Grant for \$500 was presented to Patrick Forsythe. Patrick is from Carrollton and is enrolled at Collin College. The title of his paper was "Pulmonary Hypertension: An Overview of Updated Guidelines."

Second place, the Bill Brown Grant for \$500 was awarded to Veronica Richardson, for her paper titled "Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome." Veronica is from Lexington and attends Texas State University.

And finally, for her paper titled "Advancements in Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacology," our top award, the Marguerite Kageler Grant of \$1,000 went to Breanna Pierce, a student at Collin College who is from Anna.

The Board of Trustees for the Respiratory Care Foundation of Texas would like to congratulate these four recipients. We also want to thank all of those who applied and submitted papers. Once again, the grants committee certainly had their work cut out for them this year.

Looking to next year, Program Directors will receive an email regarding submission deadlines for our 2018 grants sometime in January. We encourage the directors to post this information as soon as it is received. Students wanting more information about the RCFT grants should check with their Program Director or visit our web site at www.rcftx.org.