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Bayfield 2015 Academic Awards

Bayfield, WI – The School District of Bayfield High School Principal, Scott Stralka, hosted the 2015 Academic Awards Ceremony held in the school cafeteria the evening of Monday, June 1, 2015. Approximately 80 friends, family and staff members were on hand to applaud each individual award or scholarship totaling \$186,250 of which \$35,000 (7 awards) were locally sourced.

Post-secondary plans for Bayfield graduates are as follows: Stormey Charette – LCO-North; Aubrey Defoe – UW-Green Bay; Christian Flores – UW-Milwaukee; Searra Grant – Fox Valley Tech; Kaytlin Hintz Knopf – College of St. Scholastica; Jeffery Krisik – College of St. Scholastica; Kevin Leask – Winona State University; Shellie Newago – UW-River Falls; Michael Wachsmuth – Northland College.

The following awards and scholarships were given out and are listed by each donor represented: the Ed Erickson Foundation, represented by James Erickson, Sr., awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Christian Flores, Searra Grant, Jeffery Krisik and Shellie Newago; Gene Brevold from the Bayfield Lion's Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Shellie Newago; Larry Weber from the Bayfield American Legion awarded \$1,000 to Kevin Leask; Bruce Soulier and Mary Ross represented the Chippewa Valley Bank and awarded \$250 each to Aubrey Defoe, Christian Flores, Searra Grant, Kevin Leask and Shellie Newago; Theresa Weber represented the Town of Russell Community Club and awarded \$750 each to Aubrey Defoe, Searra Grant, Kevin Leask and Shellie Newago; the AODA Coalition/Safe and Supportive Schools Program represented by Jennifer Bouley, awarded "Ink Your Voice" Essay Winners \$1,000 each to Shellie Newago and Michael Wachsmuth and \$500 each to Aubrey Defoe and Christian Flores; Nancy Larson, High School Guidance Counselor presented the Benedictine Scholarship of \$15,000 over four years to Kaytlin Hintz Knopf and Jeffery Krisik; Shellie Newago received \$9,000 over 4 years through the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Award; Christian Flores received \$3,500 annually for 4 years from the Mary Rice Foundation; Nancy Larson presented Stormey Charette with a \$1,000 VFW Scholarship; Bremer Bank awarded \$500 each to Kevin Leask and Christian Flores; Mr. Frank Hasszu from the Masonic Lodge presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Searra Grant; Larry Deragon presented a \$1,000 Bucky Deragon Scholarship to Kevin Leask; David Eades, Executive Director of the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce, presented \$1,000

each to Stormey Charette and Aubrey Defoe; Kevin Leask and Christian Flores received \$250 each from the American Red Cross; the Apostle Islands Scholarship went to Kaytlin Hintz-Knopf, Jared Schuppe and Christian Flores; Shellie Newago received \$1,000 per year for 4 years from the University's Falcon Scholars Scholarship, the Gates Millenium Scholarship, the Wisconsin Covenant Scholars Grant of \$1,000 per year for 4 years, and the Wisconsin Covenant Foundation Grant of \$1,500. In addition, Nancy Larsen presented 9th grade student Joseph Newago with the PEOPLE Program Award from UW-Madison.

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