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Press Release

Scholars Announced by RISD Foundation!

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RISD Excellence in Education Foundation announced the 2009 Scholarship Recipients today from the four RISD high schools. "This is always the most enjoyable part of the year," stated Scholarship Chair, Diane Wardrup. Several scholarships were awarded and some substantial:

A.M. Anderson National Honor Society Scholarship was awarded to **Samuel Haile** from **Lake Highlands High School**. The Scholarship was named in honor of the first principal of Lake Highlands High School and the student must be a member of the National Honor Society in good standing. The recipient receives a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

The Thompson Family Scholarship for the Study of Science and/or Engineering was awarded to **Jason Ruth** of **Richardson High School** who plans to study engineering at a four year university. The scholarship is renewable at \$1000 for all four years.

Dr. Carolyn G. Bukhair AVID Scholarship was awarded to **Weldai Beilul** of **L.V. Berkner High School**. The student must be a

member of the AVID program, Advancement via Individual Determination) which assists students who have intellectual ability to develop skills that prepare them for college. The Scholarship is \$1000.

The Katie Richards Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ghianda Becerril and Chase Faldmo of J J Pearce High School, each receiving \$1,000. Katherine Wiley Richards, a Parkhill Junior High student, died of congenital heart disease at age 13 in 1995. In honor of Katie, the scholarship was established to honor 2 deserving JJ Pearce High School seniors.

The Giana Foundation Scholarship Fund for the Visual & Performing Arts honors two graduating seniors from Richardson High School: Katherine Dedman and Jacqueline Slanley and from JJ Pearce High School: Shelby Button and Brett Thiele. This scholarship provides \$5,000 per student to attend the college of his/her choice.

"We work all year to provide these scholarships to deserving students in RISD," said Elizabeth Hart, President & CEO. We consistently and with pleasure look for funding to make it possible for students to attend college. They are our future. We need to invest in them!"

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