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STEP AT A TIME!**

May Newsletter

Ainsley Thomas Awarded

Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship



In 2005, Pat and Patty Schmelzle and family established the Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship with the Nemaha County STEP Foundation in memory of their daughter. The Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship for \$500 is awarded to a graduating senior from Nemaha Central High School who plans to enter a degree program with a major in teacher education.

The 2020 recipient of this scholarship is Ainsley Thomas daughter of Jon and Roxanne Thomas. Thomas has dreamed of being a teacher ever since she was a little girl. Both her parents are teachers, so she has spent a lot of time at the school. Thomas has been very involved in her community over the last four years as she volunteered to assist with Vacation Bible School, coach youth basketball, and serve at Camp Good News.

Thomas plans on majoring in Elementary Education at Kansas State University this fall. After getting her

degree, she expects to spend most of her time at school, as she did as a child, where she would teach kindergarten, first, or second grade.

August Bergman, M.D., Scholarship

Recipients Announced

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of the August Bergman, M.D., Scholarship. August Bergman, M.D., has been a supporter of the local community foundation for many years. He previously established the Elizabeth Bergman Memorial Scholarship and gave generously to start the B&B Legacy (Challenge) Scholarship.

The scholarship recipients, receiving \$1,000 each, are Ainsley Renee Smith and Hannah Kay Whittaker of Sabetha High School along with Kamble Haverkamp of Centralia High School.

Ainsley Smith



Ainsley is the daughter of Rick and Shelley Smith, and she plans to attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island with the intent to pursue a career in the publishing industry. She is also considering law school.

Hannah Whittaker



Hannah Kay Whittaker is the daughter of Doug and Susanna Whittaker. Hannah plans to attend Baylor University in the fall with the intention of attending medical school after college.

Kamble Haverkamp



Kamble is the son of Travis and Nickie Haverkamp. He plans to attend Kansas State University majoring in the

Construction Science and Management program. After college, he plans to move back home and start a family. Eventually, he hopes to assist with the family construction business alongside his father.

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