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Dallas, Texas – The SIPES Foundation, administering the scientific, educational and charitable programs of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, is very pleased to announce that ten outstanding earth science students have been selected to receive scholarship awards this year, the highest number presented in the foundation's history. Applications were accepted from upper-division or graduate students who were U.S. Citizens studying any field of earth science or engineering, and who had a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Receiving \$2,000 awards from the Marvolene Speed Bennett and Carleton D. Speed, Jr. Endowed Fund; the Stephen. E. Collins Scholarship Fund; and the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund are **Janette E. England**, a master's degree student in geology at Stephen F. Austin State University; **Tom H. Shimura**, an undergraduate student in petroleum engineering at New Mexico Tech University; and **Katharine M. Knoph**, a graduate student in geology at the University of Kansas. A \$2,000 award, funded by donations from the SIPES Houston Chapter, was presented to **Alexandra E. Kirshner**, a doctoral candidate in sedimentology at Rice University. A \$1,500 award, funded by an individual petroleum engineer and SIPES Member, was presented to **Racha Boukadi**, a master's degree student in petroleum engineering at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

\$1,250 scholarship awards were presented to **Christopher D. Althoff**, a master's degree student in geology at the University of Oklahoma; **Alexandra K. Breeding**, an undergraduate student in geology at Texas A&M University – Kingsville; **Katie M. Hulsey**, a master's degree student in geology at the University of Oklahoma; **Sean Kerrin**, a master's degree student in geology at Louisiana State University; and **Andrea Nolting**; an undergraduate student in geological engineering at Colorado School of Mines.

Since its establishment in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to more than 180 promising earth science students. Funding for the 2010 awards was made available through donations from SIPES members; a bequest from the estate of Marvolene Speed Bennett, widow of the society's founding member, Carleton D. Speed, Jr.; the Stephen E. Collins Scholarship Fund; the Edward A. McCullough Endowed Fund; and the SIPES Houston Chapter. The SIPES Foundation also conducts and films educational seminars, contributes funding to earth science publications and continuing education programs, and also maintains an extensive library of earth science films.

The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists is a national organization of more than 1250 self-employed geologists, geophysicists and engineers engaged primarily in domestic energy exploration and development. SIPES has eleven chapters located in oil and gas centers of the United States.

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