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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 seven outstanding earth science students have been selected to receive scholarship awards this year. 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 **Johnathan Moore**, a master's degree student in geology at West Virginia University; **Nathan Rogers**, a master's degree student in geology at the University of Colorado-Boulder; and **Steven Sesack**, a master's degree student in geology at West Virginia University.

A \$2,000 award, funded by donations from the SIPES Midland Chapter, was presented to **Breanne Dunaway**, an undergraduate student in petroleum and natural gas engineering at New Mexico Tech University. Also receiving \$2,000 awards were **Bryan Martinez-Rahoe**, a master's degree student in petroleum engineering at Colorado School of Mines; and **James Crane**, a doctoral student in geology at Louisiana State University.

**Cara Blais**, an undergraduate petroleum engineering student at the University of Texas in Austin, received a \$2,300 award, funded by the family and friends of Perry O. Roehl.

Since its establishment in 1981, the SIPES Foundation has awarded scholarships to more than 185 promising earth science students. Funding for the 2011 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; the SIPES Midland Chapter; and the family and friends of Perry O. Roehl. 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 1300 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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