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University Announces 2016 Recipients of Educational Fund Assistance

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—For almost 25 years, the Joseph B. Freeman Jr. Educational Fund has provided scholarships to help Cleveland County high school students pursue a college education. The 2016 Freeman Scholars were announced May 23, and all five students will attend Gardner-Webb University.

A total of \$15,000 in scholarships was awarded during a presentation in the Tucker Student Center on Gardner-Webb’s main campus. Each year since the educational fund was established in 1991, at least one Freeman Scholar has enrolled at Gardner-Webb.

Pictured from left are scholarship recipients Jada Robbs, Beth Jennings, Sharla Wilson, Lindsey Laughridge and Xena Schenck.

Local business leaders helped launch the scholarship after recognizing a need to assist Cleveland County students who excel in academics and in activities beyond the classroom. Founders named the scholarship for the late Joseph B. Freeman, who was head of the Interstate Johnson Lane financial services office in Shelby. Throughout his life, Freeman was a significant supporter of education in the county.

“Mr. Freeman was an outstanding business and community leader,” shared Scoot Dixon, a longtime Gardner-Webb and community leader who has worked alongside the scholarship’s committee. “While he would never have sought the attention, he would be very pleased to know that this scholarship was assisting deserving young residents of Cleveland County with their college expenses.”

The Freeman Scholarship committee seeks students who qualify academically for college but whose unique situations might otherwise prevent them from attending. Candidates are evaluated on academic achievements, extracurricular activities, personal influences and motivation despite financial need.

2016 Freeman Scholarship Recipients

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Intended Major at Gardner-Webb</i>
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Beth Jennings	Kings Mountain	Nursing
Lindsey Laughridge	Kings Mountain	Nursing
Jada Robbs	Shelby	Athletic Training
Xena Schenck	Shelby	Marketing
Sharla Wilson	Shelby	Elementary Education

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).