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*Freeman Fund has offered educational assistance for more than two decades*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Ten local students will realize their dream of pursuing a college education thanks in part to the Joseph B. Freeman Jr. Educational Fund, which has been providing financial assistance to outstanding Cleveland County students for more than two decades. The fund is specifically designed for students who qualify academically for college but whose unique situations might prevent them from attending.

During a presentation at the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 19, recipients were presented with Freeman Fund financial awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Since the scholarship's inception, at least one Freeman Fund recipient has enrolled each year at Gardner-Webb University. This year, five recipients will attend Gardner-Webb, while the five others will study at universities around the Carolinas.

Established in 1991, the scholarship was named for the late Joseph B. Freeman, who for many years was head of the Interstate Johnson Lane office in Shelby, N.C. Throughout his life, Freeman was a visible supporter of educational pursuits in Cleveland County.

The Freeman Scholarship was established when several local business leaders saw the need to recognize students for excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, personal influences and motivation, despite financial need. Today, a committee of local business leaders and Gardner-Webb officials select the recipients after an extensive evaluation process.

Scot Dixon, Gardner-Webb's senior vice president for community relations, introduced this year's recipients. "The Freeman Scholarship recognizes young people with a desire to complete their college education and help others do the same," Dixon said. "Mr. Freeman would be very proud of you, and of the many students his scholarship has assisted for the past two decades."

## 2012 Joseph B. Freeman Scholarship Recipients:

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>University Attending</b>	<b>Anticipated Major</b>
Rex Beam	Crest	Bob Jones	Music Education
Amma Boakye	Kings Mountain	UNC Chapel Hill	Biology

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Katlyn Conner	Burns	Appalachian State	Special Education
Angel Lewis	Crest	UNC Greensboro	Nursing
Zach Parker	Crest	Gardner-Webb	Political Science
Isaac Pearson	Kings Mountain	Gardner-Webb	Business Administration
Brayden Pruitt	Crest	Gardner-Webb	Nursing
Sarah Scoggins	Kings Mountain	Gardner-Webb	Secondary Education
Chrissy Taylor	Shelby	NC State	Political Science
Davis Westbrook	Crest	Gardner-Webb	Music Education

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