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**EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Sixteen Students Receive \$16,300 in Scholarships

**BERRYVILLE, Va., June 3, 2009** – Through generous donations made by citizens, and businesses in and around the Clarke County area, the Clarke County Education Foundation, Inc. awarded 16 scholarships and grants totaling over \$16,000 to Clarke County High School students on Sunday. The presentations were made during Clarke County High School’s Senior Recognition Night at the Johnson Williams Middle School Auditorium.

Scholarship and grant recipients were selected among students exhibiting a high degree of excellence and commitment in various academic, athletic, performing arts, and career pursuits. John Hudson, President of the foundation made the presentations and stated; “This is a great testament to the spirit and commitment our community has toward future generations that so many donors are willing to assist our youth in continuing their educational pursuits. Our entire county will certainly reap the rewards of such selfless caring through highly educated and aware young citizens.”

Each year the Clarke County Education Foundation awards numerous student scholarships and tens of thousands of dollars in teacher grants to enhance the classroom-learning environment. The foundation also funds requests from the superintendent to augment instructional programs at system wide levels. Nearly \$2,000,000 has been distributed by the foundation for these purposes in the past 12 years.

**About the Clarke County Education Foundation, Inc.**

The Clarke County Education Foundation (CCEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing private support to the Clarke County (Virginia) Public Schools. As an independent public charity, the foundation is dedicated to promoting, expanding, and augmenting the educational opportunities for students and staff in the county school system by generating private support and involvement to enhance these publicly maintained services.

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