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INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 17, 2013) -- The American Legion National Selection Committee has selected 9 students for the 2013 Samsung American Legion Scholarship. Each student will receive a $20,000 scholarship for undergraduate studies.

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is available to high school juniors who participate in and complete The American Legion Boys State or The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs and are direct descendants (or legally adopted children) of wartime veterans eligible for American Legion membership. Students who qualify for and are interested in the Samsung Scholarship must submit a completed application to program staff upon their arrival to Boys State or Girls State. Recipients of the scholarship must use the funds for undergraduate studies (e.g., room and board, tuition and books), and each applicant is selected according to his or her school and community activities, academic record and financial need.

To date, the scholarship has awarded more than $4.9 million to nearly 1,700 applicants, making it the largest college scholarship the Legion awards.

The 2013 Samsung scholarship recipients are:

- Cameron Akker – Sammamish, Washington
- Tery Burt – Chesnee, South Carolina
- Dallas Debruin – Greenfield, Ohio
- Megan Kelley – Danbury, Nebraska
- Gabrielle Lessen – Alexandria, Louisiana
- Austin Owen – Vestavia Hills, Alabama
- Gregory Scalise – Brewster, Massachusetts
- Aidan Schneider – Flagstaff, Arizona
- Troy Timmerman – Marshall, Minnesota

The remaining 89 "National Finalists" in the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program will each receive a $1,100 scholarship for their undergraduate studies.

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