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ORHS senior receives Jefferson Scholarship

Bryce Galen of Oak Ridge is one of 42 students offered a Jefferson Scholarship for study at the University of Virginia. Only two students in Tennessee received the scholarship.

The merit-based scholarships are awarded to outstanding high school seniors and cover the entire cost of attending the university for four years of study.

Bryce is a senior at Oak Ridge High School and the son of Glen and Angela Galen. He was recently named a National Merit Finalist by the College Board and he has mastered all areas of the ORHS curriculum, but he is especially proficient in math and science.

He recently served as captain of the team that won the regional competition in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl.

Bryce is an Eagle Scout and a varsity rower but he also has musical interests. He was founder of the SpyreRydge String Quartet, a small instrumental ensemble, and he was named to the 2000 Tennessee All-State Orchestra.

"Through these achievements and others, Bryce embodies the Jeffersonian ideals of excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership and citizenship," said James H. Wright, director of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation.

The 42 Jefferson Scholarship winners were named after a rigorous selection process that began last fall when secondary schools across the country were asked to nominate students to the competition.

This year, 814 candidates were nominated and 85 finalists were chosen by regional selection committee to participate in the Jefferson Scholars Foundation's national competition, which took place at the university on March 21-25.

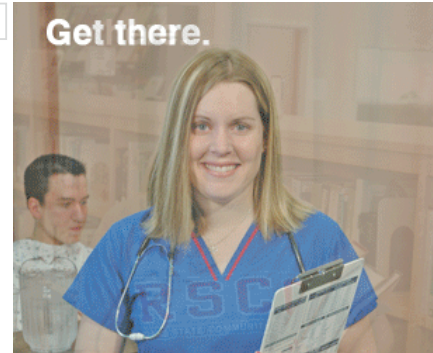
"Those selected are all devoted to the pursuit of excellence as reflected in their rich diversity of interests and backgrounds," Wright said. "They are being sought by the nation's most highly selective institutions and have the potential to benefit the university in a most substantial way." All the scholarship recipients rank in the top 5 percent of their classes. The average SAT score for the scholars is 1508, and includes students with perfect scores of 800 on at least one portion of their SAT exam.

A Jefferson Scholarship provides approximately \$50,000 to an in-state student and more than \$100,000 to an out-of-state student.

Students cannot apply for the scholarships but must be nominated by their schools or identified through the admissions process.

Bryce Galen

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