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### **Polar Awards \$9000 in Local Scholarships**

PARK RIVER – June 2, 2008 – Polar Communications is pleased to announce its 2008 scholarship recipients.

The John G. Walters Scholarship is awarded to five local High School Seniors. This year's winners of \$500 each are Kali Shephard, Crystal; Jenna Hanson, Cavalier; Dianna Niemann, Crystal; Billy Thompson, Park River and Hali Flanagan, Mountain.

The Foundation for Rural Service Washington, DC Youth Tour winner is Evan Eide from Portland, ND. The purpose of the Tour is to educate young people about telecommunications and the advantages of rural independent telephone companies.

The Polar Retiree Scholarship recipient of \$1500 is Jeffrey Aakhus from Deer Creek, MN. The Retiree scholarship is awarded to students who, upon completion of college, intend to work in the telecommunication industry within the state of North Dakota.

The recipients of the Foundation for Rural Service Scholarships are Brittney Zahradka of Lankin and Rachel Zahradka of Lawton. FRS contributes \$2000 and Polar adds \$500 for a total award of \$2500. This year FRS is awarding 30 scholarships to high school seniors throughout rural America; a total of 1,250 applications were received.



Kali Shephard



Jenna Hanson



Dianna Niemann



Billy Thompson



Hali Flanagan



Evan Eide



Jeffrey Aakhus



Brittney Zahradka



Rachel Zahradka