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FWBBC Commencement Week Honors Students

NASHVILLE, TN—More than 35 Free Will Baptist Bible College students were cited for academic excellence, Christian service, and other meritorious awards during commencement week celebrations May 6-9, according to President J. Matthew Pinson. The annual recognitions were announced during final-week activities in Awards Chapel and Commencement Exercises. Nearly 50 scholarships totaling more than \$73,000 were awarded to students.

The following recognitions and awards were made:

Best All-Around Girl: Leah Jolly (KY)

Best All-Around Boy: Jerod McNeal (FL)

Most Outstanding Students: Matthew Bracey (TN), Mary Beth Hovies (TN)

Student Body President Medal: Matthew Bracey (TN)

Yearbook Editor's Award: Mallory White

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges:

Ryan Akers (TN)

Jared Austin (TN)

Matt Bracey (TN)

Ashley Boshers (TN)

Jennifer Detherage (IL)

Grace Gaskins (SC)

Ken Gossar (KY)

Mary Elizabeth Hovies (TN)

Brandy Howell (TN)

Heidi Lane (OH)

Derek Lewis (IL)

Jacob Riggs (TN)

Lynsey Stripling (AR)

Ben Wheeler (NC)

Seniors inducted into Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society (ABHE):

Ryan Akers (TN)

Audra Bridgeman (IL)

Mary Elizabeth Hovies (TN)

Graduating Senior with highest grade point average (4.0):

Ryan Akers (TN)

Students with highest grade point average (all with 4.0):

Freshman: Christa Hill (VA), Shawn Richards (TN)

Sophomore: Cason Anderson (TN), Samuel Benninghoff (TN), Alisa Payne (IL)

Junior: Kristen Edwards (SC)

Seniors (non-graduating) with highest grade point average (4.0):

Brandy Howell (TN), Derek Lewis (IL)

Evangelical Training Association Diploma: 57 diplomas awarded
Turner Leadership Award: Ryan Akers (TN), Ben Wheeler (NC)

Adult Degree Program Students of Excellence:
Bible: Luke Bridgeman (AL)
Business: Audra Bridgeman (IL)
Teacher Education: Adam James (TN)

Christian Service Leader of the Year: Mary Beth Hovies (TN)
Christian Service Perfect Attendance: 33 Students

Spirit Trophy:
Men's: Alpha Chi Omega Society
Women's: Charlotte Bronte Society

Helen Kettelman Smith Award of Excellence in Business: Lynsey Stripling (AR)
Ann Pate Outstanding Teacher Award: Ashley Boshers (TN)
Music Theory Award: Katie McDonald (TN)
Music Excellence Award: Teddie Collier (MO)
History Award: Matthew Bracey (TN)
The Bert & Dianne Tippett Award: Wayne and Brenda Spruill
Picirilli-Outlaw Greek Award: Mary Beth Hovies (TN)
Academic Advisor of the Year: Garnett Reid

Freshman Essay Award:
First Place—Robin-Lynn Bogart (MI)
Second Place—Megan Nelson (TN)
Third Place—Christa Hill (VA)

Scholarships:
Zach Yoho Memorial Scholarship: Amanda Fretter (CA)
Paul J. Kettelman Memorial Scholarship: Paul Gillikin (NC)
Rev. Ronald & Mary Belle Creech Scholarship: Paul Gillikin (NC)
SB Presidential Leadership Scholarship: Brett Inman (MO)
Master of Leadership Scholarship: Christa Hill (VA), Paul Gillikin (NC)
Edscholar: Kayla Bell (TN)
General Scholarships: 37 more scholarships awarded