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\$10,000 Ola Armstrong Scholarship awarded to student from Boerne

SMITHSON VALLEY, May 8, 2014 — A Samuel V. Champion High School student, with a passion for public service, is The GVTC Foundation’s 2014 Ola Armstrong Scholarship recipient. Boerne’s Madison Albrecht receives \$10,000 from the Foundation for her college education.

The Armstrong Scholarship is awarded to the graduating high school student that best exemplifies characteristics of community involvement by volunteerism. Over the past six years, Madison has logged more than 1,600 service hours, with much of her community involvement through the Girl Scouts. She earned their coveted Gold Award for her “Operation Boerne” project, where she led a military appreciation campaign throughout Boerne I.S.D. schools. Madison’s efforts generated more than 3,200 letters of support to military men and women. In addition, more than 10,000 care packages were sent to the troops overseas.

For her “Cookies for Soldiers” project, Madison collected over \$30,000 to purchase nearly 6,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to send to soldiers worldwide. She is also an Ex Officio board member for the Girl Scouts, representing more than 23,000 girls in 21 countries.

Academically, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society and serves with several other organizations at Champion High School.

Madison accepted her Armstrong Scholarship at GVTC’s Boerne Store. Her parents, younger sister, Boerne I.S.D. Superintendent David Stelmazewski, Champion H.S. principal, Dr. Jodi Spoor, and representatives of the Girls Scouts attended the ceremony.

Madison said she was very appreciative to The GVTC Foundation and Scholarship Committee for the honor. She also thanked her family, educators, Girl Scout mentors and friends for their support.

Madison will attend the University of Texas at Austin as an honors student. She will focus her studies on public policy, government and economics. She said one of her career goals is to serve as a member of Congress.

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