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**The GVTC Foundation awards \$40,000 in college scholarships**

SMITHSON VALLEY, April 25, 2017 — Two Hill Country area high school students are the recipients of \$40,000 worth of scholarships from The GVTC Foundation.

Zachary Albrecht, from Boerne Champion High School, is the winner of the Ritchie T. Sorrells Scholarship for Leaders and Alyssa Boggs, attending Smithson Valley High School, was selected for the Ola Armstrong scholarship. Both scholarships are worth \$20,000 each.

Zachary and Alyssa stood out from a pool of more than 90 total applicants, who were screened and reviewed by the New Braunfels Area Community Foundation (NBACF). A team of educators selected the final recipients.

Zachary impressed with his passion and leadership for the study and design of robotics. He's credited for starting the first robotics club at Champion H.S. He also led an initiative to establish robotics classes at his school. Zachary is an Eagle Scout and member of the Business Professionals of America. Zachary plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Computer Science.

On her application, Alyssa demonstrated a long track record of community service at school and within her church. She also served as leader of the 2017 School Blood Drive. Alyssa is a member of the National Honor Society and involved in numerous service projects.

The Smithson Valley H.S. senior is targeting Texas A&M for her college studies, with a major in industrial distribution.

Alyssa and Zachary were honored during a reception in the GVTC board room attended by their parents, school counselors, NBACF members, the GVTC executive team and The GVTC Foundation board of directors.

Since 2011, The GVTC Foundation has awarded \$163,000 in scholarships to local high school students.

About GVTC:

GVTC is an award winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. GVTC offers Internet connection speeds up to 1 Gbps and symmetrical broadband connections, up to 100 Mbps.

GVTC's wholesale carrier transport network delivers Ethernet data delivery between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Houston, with access to remote Texas markets. The company organized the GVTC GigaRegion®, a unique private-public partnership, with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. The GVTC GigaRegion® markets the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.

The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is celebrating more than a decade of charitable giving, with more than \$2.2 million in contributions throughout GVTC's service area.

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