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Students receive UofL Scholarship

Louisville, KY – Taylor Martin from Ohio County High School, Jacob Heishman from Paul G. Blazer High School, Tori Seator from Boyd County High School, Erick Deason from Muhlenberg High School, Trevor Campbell from Hazard High School and Katlyn Kermicle from Union County High School will be attending the University of Louisville as a Dataseam Scholar to pursue studies in STEM science, technology, engineering, or math.

“Educating students in the STEM disciplines is critical to ensuring a workforce is in place to fill the jobs of the future -- jobs in healthcare, energy, medical research, and computer sciences. We established the Dataseam Scholars program to attract students to pursue their interest in STEM areas and to financially support their studies,” said Dataseam CEO Brian Gupton. “More STEM expertise is critical to Kentucky’s economic competitiveness, and these scholarships are a way for Dataseam to open the doors of opportunity for Kentucky kids.”

Dataseam is a unique Kentucky company that has, since its inception in 2004, provided more than 14,000 computers to 48 school districts in coal producing counties. The school district computers are linked together into one of the nation’s largest, private computing grids to support cutting-edge research taking place at UofL’s James Graham Brown Cancer Center. Harnessing the power of the DataseamGrid, researchers have created the nation’s largest pipeline of potential, life saving, cancer drugs.

UofL began collaborating with Dataseam in 2007 to select Dataseam Scholars. More than 36 scholarships totaling over \$288,000 have been awarded to date, and in May of 2011 the first class of Dataseam Scholars graduated from UofL with degrees in the STEM disciplines.

UofL President James Ramsey said, “The Dataseam Scholars program attracts students from Kentucky to pursue their studies at the University of Louisville -- enriching UofL’s outreach across the Commonwealth. Graduating the first class of Dataseam Scholars who completed their undergraduate degrees in four years is a proud moment. Sending these students out into the workforce knowledgeable in STEM subjects demonstrates UofL’s important role in preparing students for future success.”

Students interested in applying for future Dataseam Scholar programs can find more information at <http://www.kydataseam.com/dsp.htm>

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