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**LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED DATASEAM SCHOLARS  
AT KENTUCKY CENTER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS**

*Following summer program, sixteen computers awarded to Local High Schools*

Johnson County student Claire Johnson, Union County student Robert Rowley, Elliott County student Alexandra Conley and Hancock student Lathan Vargason recently returned from three remarkable weeks at The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) in Lexington, and they came back with four new iMac computers for their High Schools. Claire and Alexandra were at GSA studying in their Creative Writing program, Robert was studying in their Vocal Music program and Lathan was studying in their Visual Art program. They were singled out for their talent and dedication.

They so impressed everyone that they was named Dataseam Scholars at GSA. Dataseam, a unique Kentucky company that provides computers to school districts in coal counties, donated the state-of-the-art computers for use by GSA's New Media students, and now four computers will be coming to each of the students home counties.

G. Henry Hunt, COO of Dataseam, hopes the computers will inspire other students to accomplish the kinds of things Claire has done. "These students are a great example of world class excellence in our state. Programs like GSA encourage our most creative young people to excel, and they deserve every tool for succeeding in a modern, digital world," Hunt said.

Carrie Nath, Executive Director of GSA, was delighted that the computers would impact students beyond GSA. "Young minds are artistic, imaginative minds," she said. "These computers helped open up a world of creative exploration for our students, and I'm thrilled that they will continue doing that for even more students in the future."

Since its inception in 2004, Dataseam has provided more than 15,000 computers to 48 school districts in coal producing counties. The school district computers are linked together into one of the world's largest computing grids to support cutting-edge cancer research at the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

GSA is a public/private partnership inaugurated in 1987 by The Kentucky Center, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and numerous private supporters. Today, the vital funding required to make GSA a reality is provided by the state through the leadership of the Governor's Office and the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, as well as The Kentucky Center Endowment Fund, Toyota Motor Manufacturing and more than 200 corporations, parents, educators, alumni and friends of GSA.

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The photo shows Hunt (far left) with the four Dataseam Scholars at GSA (l. to r.): Robert Rowley (Union County High School); Claire Johnson (Johnson County High School); Alexandra Conley (Elliott County High School); and Lathan Vargason (Hancock County High School).