

Sheriff's Office announces Hiawatha scholarship winners

■ (L-R) Public Safety Resource Officer J.D. Clary, Ayana Grier and Kylie Ann Thompson

(KNZA)--Two Hiawatha High School seniors are recipients of memorial scholarships from the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

According to a news release from Sheriff John Merchant, the \$1000 scholarship went to Ayana Grier and the \$500 scholarship went to Kylie Ann Thompson.

The scholarship and Brown County Sheriff challenge coin was presented to each recipient by Public Safety Resource Officer J.D. Clary. The coin was designed to honor fallen Deputy Todd Widman.

The scholarship opportunity was established several years ago to honor those in law enforcement who have given their lives in the line of duty, and to promote the importance of continuing educational opportunities.

The scholarship is made available through the Sheriffs Office community education fund which consists of donations, grants and offender registration money. Both Hiawatha and Horton students received a \$1000 and \$500 scholarship provided by the Sheriffs Office. The self funded program requires no tax dollars and will be made available for years to come.

The release says the Sheriff's Office also presented three, \$250 Wal-Mart gift cards to students who participated in the SAFE program. This years winners were Felicity Thomas-Rodecap, Kim Korthanke and Tanner Chartier

SAFE stand for SEATBELTS ARE FOR EVERYONE and is a statewide program to encourage teen drivers to buckle up every time they are in a vehicle.

By statistic, teen drivers are more prone to accidents since driving is a learned skill, and by using seatbelts, they increase their odds of surviving a crash by this simple potentially life saving step.

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