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Press Release

Ten Students Receive FFBC Scholarships for Promoting LGBT Acceptance

DES MOINES—Ten 2013 Iowa high school graduates were awarded the First Friday Breakfast Club (FFBC) Scholarship for their efforts in promoting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) acceptance and highlighting LGBT issues. Each scholarship is valued at \$2,500.

The ten recipients were: Rebecca Barrett, Iowa City; Lily Clark, Norwalk; Gabriella Daft, Newton; Christopher Krebill, Donnellson; Nadia Loeppke, Dubuque; Charlotte Mann, Ames; Tanner Mote, Mt. Vernon; Josie Mumm, Davenport; Christopher Reising, Le Mars; and Jade Riley, Sioux City.

“These students have gone to significant lengths to call attention to LGBT issues,” said FFBC President Jonathan Wilson. “We honor their efforts in making their schools and communities safer and more accepting places.”

The recipients were involved with a variety of activities including: establishing gay-straight alliances (GSA's), speaking out against violence and bullying, organizing alternative proms, promoting suicide prevention, serving on Iowa Pride Network's leadership team, and organizing LGBT-awareness events in their schools like the National Day of Silence.

FFBC presents the scholarships to the recipients at their high school senior recognition ceremonies. Students and their families will also gather for an award ceremony during FFBC's June 7 meeting at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines.

Since 1997, FFBC has awarded \$160,000 in scholarships to Iowa high school seniors planning on post-secondary education.

About FFBC

FFBC is an educational, non-profit Des Moines breakfast group for gay, bisexual and transgender men. FFBC works to reduce discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and promote acceptance. The group strives to provide opinion leaders and the general community with positive images of LGBT people. FFBC, Iowa's largest breakfast club, meets monthly.

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