

Five Recipients of 2012 Texas Aggie Bar Association Scholarship

College Station, TX, March 3, 2012 – The Texas Aggie Bar Association announced that it has selected five exemplary current or former students to receive its \$1,000 annual scholarship to apply toward their law school pursuits. These five recipients, Hilary Albrecht, Matthew McLeod, Jessica Phillips, Sheeva Toraby and Karthik Venkatraj, were each honored at the 13th Annual Texas Aggie Bar Association Annual Conference at its banquet on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center in College Station.

Albrecht, Class of 2012, is a second generation Aggie involved in the class councils, Student Senate and the Cornerstone Honors Program at Texas A&M. She is in the process of completing her undergraduate degree and plans to attend Columbia Law School in New York this fall.

McLeod, Class of 2002, is a first generation Aggie and was an Aggie Bonfire Crew Chief. He was involved with the Hope Pregnancy Center, and the First Baptist Church Bryan College Ministry during his time at Texas A&M. He is in the process of coordinating an internship or summer employment in Knoxville, Tennessee, and plans to attend the University of Tennessee College of Law this fall.

Phillips, Class of 2012, is a second generation Aggie involved in the Aggie Rotaract, HOSTS (“Helping One Student to Succeed”), and Big Event at Texas A&M. Phillips graduated in December of 2011 and is currently working at the Dallas law firm of Scheef and Stone, L.L.P. She plans to attend the University of Texas School of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, or Texas Tech University School of Law this fall.

Toraby, Class of 2012, is a first generation Aggie involved in the Persian Student Association, Aggies Giving Selflessly, and Texas A&M Taekwondo at Texas A&M. She is in the process of completing her undergraduate degree and plans to attend the University of Denver Law School this fall.

Venkatraj, Class of 2010, is a first generation Aggie. He was involved in the Corps of Cadets, Student Government Association, and the Memorial Student Center during his time at Texas A&M. He is currently chief of staff for State Representative Joshi, representing Colorado Springs, and he is a military intelligence officer in the 1/157th Infantry Colorado Army National Guard, based out of Fort Carson. Venkatraj plans to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder this fall.

The Texas Aggie Bar Association (TABA) was chartered as a non-profit corporation in 1974. Each year, the TABA awards law-school scholarships to deserving Aggies. Activities of the TABA include the Annual Conference held in College Station each year, an annual Tailgate Event before a home football game, and numerous other networking events held at various times throughout the state. At the Annual Conference, the TABA recognizes the Aggie Lawyer of the Year, a prestigious honor given to a deserving Aggie lawyer for commitment to A&M and the legal profession, and each of its annual law school scholarship recipients.

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