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### **UT Tyler Longview University Center Celebrates Achievement**

The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center recognized 23 students at the Summit Club in Longview on Jan. 30.

UT Tyler President Rodney H. Mabry joined several university administrators, faculty and staff to honor the academic scholarship recipients for their hard work and achievements.

Students received scholarships from one or more of the following endowments that have been established to assist students attending the UT Tyler Longview University Center: Neal and Peggy Garland Scholarship, Laurie Ellard Bates Scholarship, Jere J. Ruff and John Nay Thomas Scholarship, Hogan/Whitaker Scholarship, Jack Matthewson Mann Scholarship and UT Tyler Longview University Center Circle of Friends Scholarship Fund.

“We are grateful for the financial support of these donors and their families,” Mabry said. “Many of the students here tonight maintain exceptional grades while also working full-time jobs. Because of this community’s support, these students, and many others, have the tools they need to succeed. I am proud of our students and grateful to our donors.” Mabry concluded the evening by expressing his vision and commitment to helping the Longview University Center expand course and program offerings.

Mr. Robert Wilson, chair of the LUC Development Council, was the emcee for the evening. Dr. Van Patterson, director of the UT Tyler Longview University Center, explained the challenges faced by students enrolled in the nursing program and that each recipient was quite deserving. He assured the audience that the students had earned the scholarships they were receiving.

Tori Johnston, LUC BSN student, and Melissa Greene, KLTV assignments manager and UT Tyler class of 2011, expressed their gratitude to the families who had created the scholarships they had received and explained the impact that these gifts have had on their lives.



Photo: UT Tyler LUC 2014 Scholarship Recipients (L to R) Front: Dr. Rodney Mabry, Jay Garland, Peggy Garland, Tori Johnston, Joan Tronzon, Antonia Hopson, Glenda Mann, Sarah Anderson, Jack Mann Jr., Eric Ruff. Back: Anne Mitchell, Allison Werline, Kimberly Bowman, Janecia Jackson, Brett Miller, Jere Ruff Jr., Codi Butler, Kaylee Jarrell, Carla Mann, Martha Ruff Murray, and Lori Ruff.