

# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Blake Beckman



Coleman Brink

Blake Beckman and Coleman Brink are both studying architecture at The University of Texas in Austin. They are in different studios but see each other frequently and take some of the same classes. Blake particularly enjoys his two studio classes, Design 1 and Visual Communication. In addition, another favorite class of Blake's is a lecture class, "Architecture in Our Lives", taught by the renowned architect and professor, Larry Speck. Listening to Professor Speck has had a profound impact on Blake, and he really enjoys hearing about how the practice of architecture takes place in the real world. Coleman

is also really excited about his studio classes as well as learning about architecture as a profession. Both Coleman and Blake have been busy building models to explore the dialogue between different architectural components, and they enjoy hearing their professors review their work. How exciting to know that both of these young men are so passionate about their study of architecture!



Lizzy Meggyesy

Lizzy Meggyesy is a freshman at Tulane University located in the beautiful, history-steeped city of New Orleans. She is thrilled to be studying history – currently both Roman History as well as Art History and working towards a double major of History and Political Science. Lizzy loves learning about

the Roman Empire taught by the esteemed professor, Kenneth Harl. Her Art History class is also a favorite.



PCHPS's Scholarship recipients at HPHS Honors Day (from left) Keith Laycock, *President of the HP Education Foundation Board*, Coleman Brink, Lizzy Meggyesy, Blake Beckman and Lisa Wilson, *HPISD Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services*

An internship in the Archives/Museums Department at Tulane is of particular interest to her on her road to a possible career as an art or museum curator. Lizzy is also enjoying her classes in psychology and political science.

The enthusiasm and excitement that Blake, Coleman, and Lizzy share for their chosen areas of study underscore the importance of these scholarships. Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society is committed to education in our community and is planning to steadily increase the endowment with the Highland Park Education Foundation so that these scholarships continue to encourage our students who want to pursue these fields.

Blake, Coleman, and Lizzy are wonderful examples of how these scholarships are a solid investment in our future!

## New Distinguished Faculty Chair to be Announced at the Distinguished Speaker Luncheon

The Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society has a TRUE commitment to education in the Park Cities. The Society is made up of parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles – many of whom went to school in the Park Cities themselves – so education is a part of their everyday lives. It is a dynamic group that continues to look for new avenues to expand that commitment to education. In 2017, PCHPS decided to increase the HP Endowment to fund a new and exciting Distinguished Faculty Chair from the History Department. Walter Kelly, HPHS Principal, revealed that he is delighted to add this significant award to the existing English, Math, and Science Distinguished Faculty Chairs. He added that these awards benefit Highland Park in attracting and retaining outstanding teachers.

The award is given to an exceptional History teacher who is thoughtfully chosen by a school administration committee. PCHPS has committed to giving \$10,000 for three consecutive years to this extraordinary educator. This year, the very first of these awards will be announced at the PCHPS Distinguished Speaker Luncheon on April 11. It will be thrilling for the faculty member as well as for our community as we head into the future while continuing to study history!