

Immediate Release

Rudd Foundation Celebrates Largest Cohort of Rudd Scholars Yet, Expanding Its Legacy Across Kansas

Wichita, KS (3/26/2025) – The Rudd Foundation is thrilled to announce its largest cohort of Rudd Scholars to date, welcoming 50 driven and determined Kansas high school seniors who exemplify resilience, a strong work ethic, and a deep commitment to their communities. These remarkable students join a growing network of Rudd Scholars, now represented in 72 of Kansas' 105 counties.

Each Rudd Scholar is awarded a prestigious four-year, full-ride scholarship to attend Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, or Wichita State University. This year's cohort (full list attached), which brings the total number of active scholars to 148 for the 2025-2026 academic year, consists of 6 scholars attending Emporia State, 9 attending Fort Hays State, 21 attending Kansas State, and 14 attending Wichita State. The program also celebrates 69 accomplished alumni who continue to carry forward the vision of Leslie Rudd through their professional and personal contributions to Kansas.

"Leslie Rudd's dream was to see what a young person with work ethic and determination can achieve when the financial burden of college is removed," said Darrell Swank, President of the Rudd Foundation. "He believed in giving a hand up, not a handout, and we are honored to support these outstanding students as they pursue their education and contribute to their communities."

Since its inception, the Rudd Scholar Program has provided over 260 scholarships, an approximate total of \$10.2 million investment in Kansas students. By focusing on more than just financial support, the program inspires scholars to embrace the pillars of support, professional development, mentorship, and giving back.

"The Rudd Scholarship is not just about paying for school; it is about building a lifelong network of learning, growth, and contribution," said Corri Roberts, Vice President of the Rudd Foundation. "Our 148 active scholars and 69 alumni embody Mr. Rudd's vision by supporting one another and striving to improve their communities, creating a ripple effect across Kansas."

This year's Rudd Scholars reflect the Foundation's enduring commitment to transforming lives and strengthening the state of Kansas, ensuring that future generations continue to dream big and achieve extraordinary goals.

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(Name)	(High School)	(University)
Brody Anderson	Burlington High School	Wichita State University
Nayeli Andrade	Wichita High School South	Wichita State University
Deacon Baier	Southeast of Saline High School	Kansas State University
Jason Brokaw	Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School	Fort Hays State University
Taylor Clark	Anderson County Jr/Sr High School	Emporia State University
Molly Cook	Atchison High School	Emporia State University
Cristofer Correa-Sandoval	Wichita High School Northwest	Wichita State University
Eva Cortes	Holton High School	Fort Hays State University
Camdyn Cunningham	Ashland High School	Kansas State University
Lillian Delgado	Valley Center High School	Wichita State University
Kenyang Deng	Olathe North Sr High School	Emporia State University
Lily DiNuzzo	St. Johns Catholic High School	Wichita State University
Anna Feldkamp	Sylvan Unified Jr/Sr High School	Fort Hays State University
Juan Flores-Hernandez	Wichita High School North	Wichita State University
Morgan Freund	Kingman High School	Fort Hays State University
Felicity Gear	Bishop Carroll High School	Kansas State University
Ruby Gommel-Osthoff	Smith Center Jr Sr High School	Kansas State University
Luke Griffith	Goddard High School	Kansas State University
Phoenix Hamlet	Perry-Leocompton High School	Kansas State University
Addison Hargitt	Quinter Jr-Sr High School	Fort Hays State University
Conner Huddleston	Goddard High School	Wichita State University
Anderson Hurlburt	Madison High School	Kansas State University
Wyatt Kirkpatrick	Hays High School	Fort Hays State University
Brodin Koch	Clifton-Clyde Sr High School	Fort Hays State University
Trextin Koch	Clifton-Clyde Sr High School	Fort Hays State University
Joe Leija Jr	Brewster High School	Kansas State University
Taylor McDaniel	Concordia Jr-Sr High School	Kansas State University
Ellie McGuire	Cunningham High School	Fort Hays State University
Kailee Mendoza	Winfield High School	Wichita State University
Jailyn Millar	Little River High School	Wichita State University
Lilly Miller	Rossville Junior-Senior High School	Kansas State University
Jeena Moore-Kirby	Wichita Heights High School	Wichita State University
Yanet Murillo Espinoza	Emporia High School	Emporia State University
Elijah Pete	Wichita Northeast Magnet High School	Kansas State University
Jordan Prue	St. Thomas Aquinas High School	Wichita State University
Ke'Ahjahnae Rice	Highland Park High School	Wichita State University
Adriane Rojas	Dodge City High School	Kansas State University
Hillary Salazar	Turner High School	Kansas State University
Grace Schmeidler	Thomas More-Prep Marian High School	Kansas State University
Leanne Shoup	Lyndon High School	Kansas State University
Serenity Smith	Quinter Jr-Sr High School	Kansas State University
Celia Snetsinger	Bishop Carroll High School	Kansas State University

Arizvel Tavaréz	Wichita High School East	Wichita State University
Erica Thompson	Shawnee Mission Northwest High School	Wichita State University
Lane Turner	Mcpherson High School	Kansas State University
Alicia Valdez	Wichita High School Northwest	Kansas State University
Haley Walker	Turner High School	Emporia State University
Anna Wendling	Jefferson County North High School	Emporia State University
Mavrick Winter	Riley County High School	Kansas State University
Rylie Wunderle	Clifton-Clyde Sr High School	Kansas State University