Employees pledge $272,000 in LAESF scholarship drive

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, July 25, 2011—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees pledged a record $272,000 during the 2011 Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund drive. The drive encourages LANL employees, retirees, and subcontract personnel to donate to a fund that awards college scholarships to Northern New Mexico students. Further, more employees donated to the fund this year than in past years.Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which manages and operates the Laboratory, will match employee contributions to the scholarship fund up to $250,000.Scholarships are awarded on the basis of grade-point average, test scores, diversity, financial need, academic rigor, leadership, and community involvement.

Funds pledged during this year's drive will be used to award scholarships in 2012."This scholarship program allows employees, contractors and retirees to play a special role in helping our region's high school and college academic stars to attain their higher education goals," said Community Programs Office Director Kurt Steinhaus. "Here at the Lab, our employees know firsthand that education can unlock opportunity for these talented students who hold the promise to be future leaders at the Lab, in government, industry, or the nonprofit sector."The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation manages the scholarship program. Since the LAESF program began in 1998, Laboratory employees have donated more than $2 million to the fund. All told, more than 600 scholarships have been awarded, including 67 this year.The list of 2011 scholarship recipients is on the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation website at http://www.lanlfoundation.org/Scholarships/Recipients.html.