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NUCA Announces 2025 Scholarship Program Winners

High School Student in Indiana Wins NUCA Foundation D.A. Foster Scholarship Award

(Fairfax, Va.) – The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) is pleased to announce that Sydney Bailey is the winner of the NUCA Foundation D.A. Foster Scholarship award.

Sydney is the daughter of Ross Bailey of Core & Main, Inc., a NUCA member company. Sydney has been accepted to Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, her top choice, where she plans to pursue a degree in English with the goal of becoming a high school teacher and ultimately a college professor. Her academic accomplishments include an exemplary SAT score, graduating with academic honors.

Her extracurriculars reflect strong leadership and service, from assistant directing school plays to volunteering at Royal Family Kids Camp and the Hope Center of Indianapolis. She also self-published a book, "Castle of Secrets," and was invited to tutor SAT students based on her reading and writing scores. Sydney has built a solid work ethic through jobs in babysitting and as a barista, and she is committed to graduating college debt-free through savings and scholarships.

NUCA is proud to support Sydney in her academic journey and celebrates her dedication, talent, and leadership potential.

"NUCA and the NUCA of Indiana chapter are very proud of Sydney," said Chris Barrett, NUCA Interim Chief Executive Officer. "We congratulate her on her award and her academic achievements, leadership, and community involvement. This scholarship award is a testament to her potential to make a lasting impact on her community. We are confident that she will use this opportunity to grow, innovate, and inspire others to excel in their own studies and leadership."

The NUCA Foundation has awarded students over a quarter million dollars in scholarship funds since 2004. The NUCA Foundation for Education and Research is committed to supporting the

future of the utility construction industry by providing scholarships that empower students, promote educational excellence, and invest in the next generation of industry leaders.

More information about NUCA's 2025 scholarships can be found online at www.nuca.com/scholarships.

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