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**NMMC-EUPORA, HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION
AWARD MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

EUPORA, Miss.— North Mississippi Medical Center-Eupora has awarded medical scholarships to Kane McCool and Brad Winfield of East Webster High School and Andy Curry of Eupora High School.

Kane McCool was named the fifth winner of the \$1,000 Harold H. Whitaker Educational Scholarship. This scholarship was established to recognize the 32-year career of NMMC-Eupora administrator Harold Whitaker, who retired in 2005. Winfield and Curry were awarded \$1,000 Health Career Scholarships.

McCool is the son of Wayne and Bonnie Fulgham and Andy and Pam McCool. He graduated in the top 5 percent of his class with a 3.8 grade-point average. He was active in Beta Club for six years and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He participated in football and powerlifting throughout high school and assisted with local blood drives. McCool plans to attend East Mississippi Community College to major in nursing and later specialize in anesthesia at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Winfield is the son of John Brantley and Yvonne S. Winfield. He served as president of the Beta Club, class officer and member of Student Council. He was a member of the baseball and cross country teams. His plans are to attend Mississippi State University this fall and major in biological science.

Curry is the son of Dr. Robert Hugh Curry and the late Tammy Curry. He ranked high in academics and was chosen as a STAR Student because of his high ACT score. An active Eupora High School band member since sixth grade, he was involved in numerous band clinics throughout the state. He participated in the HOBY youth leadership seminar and Science and Scholar Bowl competitions. He plans to attend Mississippi State University and major in biomedical engineering.

The NMMC-Eupora Health Career Scholarships are awarded through the Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi to graduating high school seniors pursuing a health care career. Applicants are judged on ACT score, high school transcript, curriculum taken as it pertains to the chosen field, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and their personal statements.

Gifts to the Harold H. Whitaker Educational Scholarships can be made in honor or in memory of an individual or individuals. Checks should be made payable to Health Care Foundation and mailed to HCF, 830 S. Gloster St., Tupelo, MS 38801. Donation forms are also available at NMMC-Eupora. For more information on the endowed scholarship fund, call NMMC-Eupora at (662) 258-6221 or the Health Care Foundation at (662) 377-3163.

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Cutline: Harold Whitaker congratulates the 2010 Harold H. Whitaker Scholarship recipient, Kane McCool.