

■ MADDUX SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship awarded to HHS student

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Marissa Davis has been awarded the 2011 Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship by an independent selection committee appointed by the J. F. Maddox Foundation, announced Don Maddox, president of the Foundation.

The selection committee is comprised of Ellen Shanor of Roswell, Gracie Sosa of Hobbs, Dr. Lynn Shaw of Hobbs, Mike Newell of Lovington and Gregory Smith of Hobbs.

Davis will be a senior at Hobbs High School this fall. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Stacey Davis of Hobbs. She plans to pursue an



Davis undergraduate degree in business from the University of Notre Dame or the University of California-Los Angeles.

The Maddox Foundation received 28 applications from throughout Lea County for the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship. The selection committee reviewed each applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities and written essays, and selected 11 semi-finalists for personal interviews.

From those semi-finalists, the committee selected five finalists: Marissa Davis of Hobbs, Katie Lingafelter of Hobbs, Dannica Marquez of Lovington, Sergio Molinar of Hobbs, and D'Nae Robinett of Hobbs.

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With the award of the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship, Davis will be able to pursue an undergraduate degree from a college or university of her choice in the continental United States. The Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship covers all costs of tuition, lab and other fees, textbooks, and on-campus room and board for her entire four-year undergraduate education.

The remaining four finalists, each of whom is considered a "Maddox Scholar," will receive scholarships of \$16,000 each, \$4,000 per year for four years of undergraduate study, which also may be used at any public or private college or university in the continental United States.

Recently, several regional colleges and universities have entered into agreements with the Foundation to match the Maddox Scholar award with additional scholarships based on their selection as a Maddox Scholar.

All 11 semi-finalists will receive a notebook computer next spring at their respective high school senior award presentations. In addition to the five finalists, the semi-finalists included Christy Cole of Eunice, Mark Grano of Hobbs, Schylar Hill of Lovington, Hunter Jecius of Hobbs, Lyndsey Smith of Lovington and Siera Witherspoon of Hobbs.

These awards mark the 16th year of the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship program with over \$2 million in scholarships having been awarded to Lea County students.

Prior Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholars include Jill Doverspike, who graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2001; Amanda Whitt, who graduated in 2002 from Southwestern University; Heath Weeks, who graduated from Wheaton College in 2003; Jennifer Pierce, who graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2004; Paul Francis, who graduated from Trinity University in 2004; Brittany Grove, who graduated from Brown University in 2005; Karen Francis, who graduated from Duke University in 2006; Chase Bridgforth, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2008; Ben Parra, who graduated from Stanford University in 2009; Neelima Navuluri, who graduated from Duke University in 2010; and Chris Mosley, who attended Illinois Institute of Technology .

Other Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholars who continue working toward their undergraduate degree include Wei Chang at University of New Mexico, Marcos Aranda at Brown University, Ryan Glenn at Texas Tech University and Ryan Roberts at Rice University.

The J. F Maddox Foundation was established by Jack Maddox and his wife, Mabel, who were longtime residents of Hobbs.