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To the Editor,

Parkland College held its annual Scholarship Reception on Wednesday, April 16 in the gymnasium to honor Salute, Trustees, and Foundation Scholarship recipients and donors. Bob Plecki of Busey Bank was our donor speaker, and each donor and student in attendance was recognized.

In all, the Parkland College Foundation awarded 231 scholarships to 182 students (an 11.5% increase from 06-07) during the 2007-08 academic year, totaling \$185,651.15 (a 1.5% increase from 06-07). Students and district residents often express gratitude for the chance to keep their higher educational dreams alive through the Parkland scholarships they have received. This community can be proud of the commitment of the Parkland faculty and staff, who give annually to support these scholarships; of the generosity from individual residents and businesses in the area; and of the Parkland Foundation and its tireless efforts at fundraising for student success and campus improvement.

To help improve the educational and career prospects of college-bound students in your community, please visit and support the Parkland Foundation at [www.parkland.edu/foundation](http://www.parkland.edu/foundation) or by phone at 217/351-2457.

Best regards,

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