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## **Arts Commission Announces Artist of Tomorrow Scholarship Recipients**

Wake County high school students who aspire to be a director, a writer, a singer/songwriter, a visual artist and an opera singer are the 2011 scholarship winners of Artist of Tomorrow. Artist of Tomorrow is a City of Raleigh Arts Commission program funded solely through community contributions. Five talented high school seniors have been selected to receive one-time scholarships toward their full-time college studies in the fields of theatre/musical theatre, literature, music and visual art.

“The Raleigh Arts Commission is thrilled with the great success of the Artist of Tomorrow program,” said Laura Raynor, chair of the Arts Commission. “The incredibly generous response from individuals and the local business community impacts the lives of our talented youth.”

The five Artist of Tomorrow scholarship winners are:

- Alex Tobey, Raleigh, University of North Carolina School of the Arts, theatre/musical theatre (the school, formerly called the N.C. School of the Arts, accepts high school students);
- Karina McCorkle, Cary, Enloe High School, literature;
- Myles Patrick Travitz, Cary, Panther Creek High School, music;
- Adaria Alane Coulter, Raleigh, Knightdale High School, visual art; and,
- Katy Wilson, Raleigh, St. David’s School, music.

The Artist of Tomorrow scholarships are funded solely through support and donations from corporations, individuals and local businesses, with 100 percent of contributions applied to the scholarships. Awarded funds will go directly to accredited post-secondary colleges and may be used to pay for student expenses such as tuition, fees, books or room and board.

“The Artist of Tomorrow program celebrates the young artists of our community who are nurtured by gifted arts educators,” said Elizabeth Grimes-Droessler, arts administrator for Wake County Public Schools. “By helping students unlock their potential and pursue their passion, we ensure a future rich in the arts.”

Prior to making final selections, a committee comprised of community members and representatives from the Arts Commission reviewed all applications submitted for Artist of Tomorrow scholarships.

To read summaries on the five scholarship winners, visit the City of Raleigh’s website at [www.raleighnc.gov/arts](http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts) and click on “Awards.” For more information, contact the Arts Commission's Program Coordinator Belva Parker at 996-4683 or [belva.parker@raleighnc.gov](mailto:belva.parker@raleighnc.gov).

Established in 1977 as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the Raleigh City Council, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission holds the distinction of being the first municipal arts commission created in North Carolina. Serving as the leading force to champion the arts with Raleigh citizens and their representatives, the Arts Commission’s myriad activities foster, support and promote the arts in the Capital City.