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Riverland Community College Foundation Receives \$13,000 AT&T Contribution to Support Scholarship Program

*AT&T Donation Will Support \$1,000 Scholarships
for 13 Riverland Students Pursuing STEM Education*

AUSTIN, Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – Riverland Community College Foundation received a \$13,000 AT&T donation today to support its scholarship programs during a check presentation on the Austin campus.

The AT&T donation will support 13 scholarships at \$1,000 each for Riverland Community College freshmen who are pursuing a STEM-based (science, technology, engineering and math) career pathway. The scholarships will support freshmen who are attending Riverland to pursue a diploma or degree in a STEM career, and are in need of scholarship support.

“We are very excited to continue this partnership with AT&T and provide scholarships to students who need financial support pursuing or exploring careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM),” said Dr. Adenuga Atewologun, president of Riverland Community College. “We are in an era of a knowledge economy that continues to generate exciting career opportunities in STEM. The earlier students acquire strong math skills in their education continuum, the easier it is for them to choose STEM careers. These scholarships will help many students start earlier, nearer to home, and go farther in their quest for success.”

With baby boomer retirements in full swing, local businesses are faced with a skills gap that requires workers to obtain greater education and training to match the requirements of emerging jobs, especially in STEM-related careers. More and more, community colleges like Riverland are an important link to developing the workforce that will help grow strong local economies.

“AT&T Minnesota is committed to helping advance the education of our young people, particularly in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering and math,” said Paul Weirtz, president of AT&T Minnesota. “We are proud to once again support Riverland’s scholarship program and help more students receive the STEM education they need to be prepared for careers in the 21st Century.”

In addition to today’s donation, AT&T also provided a \$13,000 donation to Riverland last year for an initial class of 13 scholarship recipients.

The mission of Riverland Community College Foundation is to raise, manage and distribute resources to support, enhance and promote the educational opportunities that Riverland offers. The Foundation supports the college in a variety of ways, including raising funds to increase access for students and advance the quality of programming.

“This is exciting news for Riverland students who are looking to explore STEM careers and are in need of financial support,” said State Senator Dan Sparks. “Many of today’s students face financial obstacles to realizing their dreams of a college education. Scholarship support is so critical to helping many students attend and graduate college.”

Riverland Community College, a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, is a community college that has inspired personal success through education for 75 years. Approximately 4,900 students are served annually through a wide range of credit-based educational opportunities. An additional 5,400 students are annually served in non-credit courses. Campuses are located in Albert Lea, Austin, and Owatonna, Minn. Riverland may be found on the Internet at www.riverland.edu.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system includes 24 two-year community and technical colleges and seven state universities serving more than 430,000 students. It is the fifth-largest higher education system of its kind in the United States.

As a company, AT&T has a long-standing commitment to helping advance education through donations to local education organizations and through the [AT&T Aspire](#) program. One of the nation’s largest corporate initiatives, AT&T Aspire is committed to helping more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers.

AT&T and the AT&T Foundation have given nearly \$87 million nationwide to support STEM initiatives since 1995. Projects supported by AT&T contributions range from STEM scholarship programs and science and math-focused summer camps for at-risk youth, to hands-on technology labs and elite robotics competitions at the nation’s leading universities.

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