2018 Scholarship Recipients

by Elizabeth Hayes
Contributing Writer

The All Aboard Foundation is the philanthropic effort of Watco to provide funding for a better quality of life in the communities we serve.

“We want our Team Members to be surrounded by communities that are growing and actively involved in the betterment of life and sustainability,” said Brad Snow, foundation president.

With that goal in mind, the foundation established the All Aboard Foundation Scholarship to be awarded to graduating seniors who are dependents of Watco Team Members. Recipients must be in good academic standing and planning to attend a post-secondary institution within one year of graduating from high school.

It’s always a difficult decision to determine the recipients, because all the applicants show great enthusiasm and potential. But the committee was able to make the selection and would like to present the five students who were awarded the All Aboard Foundation Scholarship. These exemplary students have shown excellence in their leadership and service.

This year’s recipients, each receiving $500, are:

Bailey Baker

Bailey’s parents are Christopher and Jennifer Blackman. Christopher is a trainmaster on the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad. Bailey graduated top of her class and will be attending Butler Community College to study accounting. She is involved in many clubs, sports, performance groups, and leadership roles. She has won awards for singing, been inducted into the National Honor Society, and served as Chapter President of FCCLA. She is passionate about her experiences with Key Club, Red Cross, and volunteering in the community.

Connie (CJ) Goodwin

CJ is the daughter of Gary and Connie Goodwin. Connie (CJ) Goodwin has been involved in the community.

Elijah Bolyard

Elijah’s parents are Garrett and Trisha Bolyard. Elijah graduated at the top of his class and is pursuing a degree in Education at Cameron University, and hopes to then earn a Master's in Education Administration to be a school principal. CJ has already served in the role of a teacher as she works and volunteers for her elementary school. She participated in Art Club, Student Council, Inter-scholastic Meets, and National Honor Society. CJ is passionate about bettering the lives of young students and using her skills to help further develop communities.

Eleanor Kuhlman

Eleanor’s parents are Marcus and Cheryl Kuhlman. Marcus is the assistant terminal manager at the Rockwood (Cora), Illinois Facility. Eleanor will be attending Southern Illinois University - Carbondale with hopes of being a pediatric physician’s assistant. She was inspired to help children after participating in a mission trip to Jamaica. She has received the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award for Excellence, as well as being named class Valedictorian and Chapter President of FCCLA. In high school she was also involved in Student Council, FBLA, National Honor Society, and many other extracurricular and volunteer activities.

James Richey

James is the son of Craig and Julie Richey. Craig is the executive vice president and general counsel for Watco Companies. James will be attending the University of Kansas and has already been accepted into their 2018 Business Leaders Program. At Pittsburg High School, he qualified for state in tennis, debate, and forensics and graduated in the top 1% of his class. James was the team captain of the tennis and scholars bowl teams his senior year and participated in many extracurricular activities. Alongside many other community service projects, James has spent more than 300 hours volunteering as a tutor and mentor to other high school students.

Applications for the All Aboard Foundation Scholarships are accepted February-April of each year. Interested parties can check online at www.allaboardfoundation.com/scholarships for more information.
Grant Hicks opened Kiddieland in Pittsburg, Kansas, in 1953, and he built many of the rides there himself, in his shop in Nevada, Missouri. He had a passion for trains, so one of those rides was a miniature train that ran around the perimeter of the small amusement park and through Lincoln Park, where it was situated. For a long time, the train’s engine was painted like a Kansas City Southern (KCS) locomotive and the three railcars were painted a basic black, until recently.

When the City of Pittsburg took over operations of the park four years ago, most of the rides were in desperate need of repair and new paint. This year, it was the train’s turn for a facelift.

After seeing what it would take to completely refurbish the train and that there wasn’t room in the city’s budget for a complete restoration, Jeff Wood, owner of Vietti Auto Body and Alignment, approached Watco CEO Rick Webb for some help. Webb agreed to sign on to the project, and proposed adding a little something extra as well.

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It wasn’t an easy process and several local businesses teamed up to complete it. Jim VanBeclaire of VanBeclaire Machine Works made and provided the custom parts and other materials needed to fix the train and bring it back into safe, working condition. He replaced the clutch, gearbox, driveshift, and more. The train body was taken to Pittsburg Steel and Manufacturing to be sandblasted. Once it was down to the bare sheet metal, it went into storage, and one by one, Wood, husband of Watco purchase card and cell phone manager Penny Wood, and his team at the Vietti shop started working on them.

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**#WHY WATCO**

by Jay Benedict
Digital Communication & Social Media Specialist

Josh Theis has been with Watco for just over a year, and in that time, he says he’s found a lot to enjoy about the job.

Josh joined Watco in March 2017 as a switchman on the Team switching cars for Georgia-Pacific in Toledo, Oregon. He jumped into the busy operation and immediately recognized the safety first focus as an important priority for the company.

“We all look out for each other every day and night out there working. Using good communication skills, every one of us holds each other personally accountable for the actions we take,” Josh said.

Those communication skills and accountability have paid off, as the Toledo Team recently reached 1,000 days without a reportable personal injury. Josh and the Team take pride in that accomplishment because it shows that their efforts are working. They operate in multiple shifts, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., seven days a week, and sometimes the mill requests extra switches. Loaded cars, either inbound with recycled paper products and wood chips, or outbound loaded with kraft paper rolls used as container board for things like produce boxes or boxes for items ordered through Amazon, are always moving around the plant, so their strategy to manage the workload is important.

“Josh comes in with a positive attitude and definitely has safety at the forefront of everything that he does out there,” said Casey Irvan, location manager. “He’s a really valued Team Member here and we appreciate everything he does.

The Georgia-Pacific mill the Team switches is located just south of Toledo’s small downtown area. Its location makes managing the switches a key to success there as well. If done poorly, rail crossings in an important part of town could be blocked for extended periods of time. Josh says it’s a challenge that the Team takes seriously, and when they get different switches together and in a timely fashion, it’s rewarding to provide that service to the Customer, and maintain a positive relationship with the community.

Toledo is a town of about 3,500 residents and the town grew around the mill. This makes it one of the largest employers and a big part of the economy.

**#WATCO MOVES**

Customer: Del Monte and Seneca Foods
Commodity: Canned Vegetables
Location: Wisconsin & Southern Railroad – Cambria, Mayville, Markesan, and Ripon, Wisconsin

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It’s nowhere near Thanksgiving, but green bean casserole sounds pretty good right now. That’s because canned vegetables have been a staple commodity on the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR) since it started operations in 1980. That’s still the case now, almost 40 years later, and a large portion of those shipments are canned green beans.

“They’re an important component of our diverse traffic mix on the WSOR and it’s a commodity that is very stable year over year. People need to eat, and canned vegetables still have a niche in the market when it comes to convenience for consumers,” said commercial manager Brad Peot.

In fact, Customers Del Monte Foods and Seneca Foods are some of the most consistent shippers on the WSOR, and Del Monte’s business has been up considerably in 2018. Del Monte has packing plants in Cambria and Markesan, Wisc. Markesan is the only plant with an active rail spur on the WSOR currently, and it specializes in processing green beans, with the varieties being cut, French, and Italian style. The Cambria plant specializes in sweet peas and corn.

While most probably recognize Del Monte as a household name in canned foods, Seneca’s name recognition is not as strong. However, that’s not because of lack of volume. Seneca’s cans largely end up with a store brand label on them (i.e. Kroger, HEB, Hy-Vee, Aldi). The Libby’s brand is Seneca’s own label and can be found on store shelves in certain markets. Seneca has canneries on the WSOR in Cambia, Mayville, and Ripon, Wisc. Their plants process a wider variety of vegetables including green beans, peas, corn, succotash, potatoes, beets, and carrots.

“If you go to a grocery store and they have Kroger green beans or peas, there’s a good chance it came from Wisconsin,” Peot said.

Both Customers ship year round despite the fact that canning is very seasonal. The packing plants were set up specifically to be near areas where the crops grow well. They’re grown and harvested locally so they don’t travel far and are still as fresh as possible when they’re canned.

“This area, the upper Midwest in Minnesota and Wisconsin in particular, is a very good growing area for these crops,” said Peot. “They grow basically from the Illinois border up to the central Wisconsin area and over to eastern half of Minnesota. The plants we serve are right in the middle of the growing area.”

Many times, cropland for vegetables is double cropped and once the first crop is harvested the ground is reworked and planted for another harvest in the fall. Vegetables start to be harvested in July, and that’s when the four-month marathon known as “Pack Season” starts. The plants run 24/7 during that time until they finish canning everything, usually around October. Then the companies sit on the inventory they’ve accumulated and ship it out as demand dictates.

“In the canned goods world, inventory only turns once a year. You only harvest vegetables once a year, then the rest of the year, you’re selling and distributing while the canneries are busy replacing, repairing, and re-equipping for the next season because the facilities take a real beating during the Pack Season,” Peot said.

Both Customers have scheduled service days on the WSOR, but volumes are noticeably heavier during Pack Season because they’re trying to push volume out to their distribution centers across the country. The WSOR has a dedicated fleet of box cars for these Customers to help ensure there are no hiccups in keeping their product moving.

Over the years, consolidation in the industry has had a negative effect on the volumes of canned vegetables shipped on the WSOR. Peot says there used to be a cannery in almost every town, but many have shut down throughout the years. For instance, there was a Green Giant plant in Beaver Dam, Wisc., when the WSOR started up in 1980 that shipped 600+ cars each year, but that facility is no longer a cannery. However, trucking issues with drivers and availability are continuing to make rail a more appealing transportation mode, and Peot has a positive feeling about the WSOR’s future hauling canned goods.

“If you’re a doomsday prepper and want to equip your bomb shelter with good food that’s not gonna go bad, canned vegetables, man,” Peot said.

“Or if you just like the taste of vegetable packed at the peak of freshness, support our Customers and support the WSOR. Go buy canned goods.”

Josh Theis, switchman at the Toledo, Oregon, Georgia-Pacific mill.

People there know about the relationship Watco has with Georgia-Pacific and therefore, the town.

“I’ve had people see me with my Watco hat on and come up, and say ‘thank you,’ whether it was for the service we’re providing or for helping make sure traffic can keep moving,” Josh said. “That makes the job enjoyable because we know that the mill and the town appreciate what we do out here.”
There are definitely benefits to having a location that is near the Pacific Ocean, as Team Members at the Pacific Sun Railroad (PSRR) can attest to. The Team recently celebrated going 10 years injury free and there was literally something fishy about the event.

PSRR’s general manager James Moore chartered a boat and took the Pacific Sun Team, the Ventura Switching Team, and some Customers fishing off Newport Beach near Catalina Island. The Teams and their guests got in a full day of fishing, they left the docks at 7 a.m. and returned back at 5 p.m.

Moore said, “This record goes back further than my tenure. Matt Hinojosa and Cesar Oglesby have been here since day one and have helped lead the safety efforts. I just want to thank them all for their dedication to safety, without that we have, and are, nothing.”

Watco began transloading flyash for Waste Management at a second location early last month. This location is in Nitro, West Virginia, where they are loading railcars with flyash from the John Amos Power Plant in Winfield, West Virginia.

The loaded railcars are destined to two different Customers in North Carolina. There are 26 cars in the Nitro flyash fleet and six Team Members that work both the Nitro and Watco’s Middleport, Ohio, location. The flyash at the Middleport terminal is sent to New York.

The flyash is a by-product of burning coal and is used for many different purposes, in this case it will be used in concrete production to improve the strength of the product.

May was a big month for the Kanawha River Railroad. They did something that hasn’t been done in a long time, move coal out of Page, West Virginia.

The Team, consisting of engineer William Long and conductors Phillip Smalley and Nathaniel Riddle, recently loaded the first coal train to go out of Page in four years. The operation was brought back online and sent out its first 100-car set, weighing almost 11,000 tons. The coal is heading to Norfolk Southern’s docks at Lambert’s Point near Norfolk, Virginia.
Watco Wellness
The ABC's on getting more zzzzz's

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Adequate sleep is a tremendously important part of your overall health. A good night of shut eye not only banishes those dark under-eye circles, it affects your physical health, mind, and mood, among many other things.

On average, most adults need 7-8 hours of good, quality sleep on a regular schedule every night. We all have what’s called a “circadian rhythm” - which is our body’s internal clock that cycles between alertness and sleepiness at regular intervals. It works best when we have regular sleep habits that revolve around going to bed and waking up around the same time each day. If your normal sleep pattern is disrupted, you often feel out of sorts, or have trouble staying focused and alert the next day. That’s where the “good quality” comes in.

I know many things can disrupt sound sleep like stress, kids, work, caffeine, alcohol, health conditions, or a snoring partner. But if you are having trouble sleeping consistently throughout the night, consider what could be the cause and start implementing some changes. I promise your body will thank you! Here are some of the top reasons why you should prioritize your sleep on a daily basis:

- **Boosts Your Mood, Immune System, & Energy Levels:** We all know how irritable and lethargic we can become when we are tired. When the body is sleep deprived, feelings of anger, anxiety, or depression can escalate. Chronic health problems, such as heart disease and diabetes, as well as the body’s ability to fight off viruses can also arise because the immune system is compromised by lack of sleep. When you give the brain and body the rest it needs, your mind is fresh and your body is able to function more efficiently.

- **Reduces Stress:** Studies have shown that stress levels actually increase when your sleep decreases. Since most of us already have plenty of stress in our lives, this is not a good scenario. When you are tired, you are impatient, irritable, irrational, and emotional, which can make handling stressful tasks even more challenging. When you are well rested, you’re calmer, more clear-minded, and more focused, which is a much better way to live your life!

- **Helps Maintain A Healthy Weight:** Studies have shown that just 30 minutes of sleep loss can lead to weight gain and a slower metabolism. When you are sleep deprived, your body produces higher levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which in turn, increases your appetite. Your levels of leptin, which signal satiety, are reduced as well, so it’s hard to know when to stop eating. And as we all know, when we are tired and stressed, we’re usually not reaching for an apple, but instead a high fat, high sugar, feel good in the moment kind of treat. That craving for junk food is triggered by the body’s desire to produce more serotonin to try to calm us down. Unfortunately, when you are lacking sleep, the mitochondria in your cells that digest food start to shut down as well, so you are unable to process the unhealthy foods as efficiently, leading to a spike in blood sugar. So the conclusion is that it’s an uphill battle to manage your weight when you’re not getting enough shut eye.

- **Sharpenes Attention, Memory, & Creativity:** Adequate sleep can greatly affect your body’s cognitive function, so it’s incredibly important for each Watco Team Member to be well-rested. When you’ve had 7-8 hours of good, quality sleep, you’re able to focus and pay attention better, and your innovative thinking, creative juices, and problem solving skills are amplified. You’re also better able to create memories as well as retain and recall new information. For Team Members out in the field, your reaction time can be gravely affected by lack of sleep, putting yourself and fellow Team Members’ safety at risk.

So as you can see, sleep is one of the most important and significant factors in your overall health, well-being, and success both in and out of the workplace. So if you don’t already prioritize it, make an effort to do so now that you know why!

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Watco Wellness

Kanawha River Railroad's general manager Derrick Jackson took the safety message to school when he visited Miss Milam's second grade class at Kanawha City Elementary School in Charleston, West Virginia.

Derrick provided information on Operation Lifesaver to the class, which included his daughter Taylor.

In addition to talking to the class about safety, Derrick provided them with coloring books, crayons, and other items promoting the rail safety message.

The class enjoyed the presentation so much that Derrick was asked to return to speak with the students on Career Day.

It's never too early to start recruiting!

SLWC TEAMWORK

Stillwater Central Railroad's new general manager Nathan Champion spent a hot Saturday out on the softball field enjoying some downtime with a few Team Members from the operations and track departments.
The Watco office in Overland Park, Kansas, hosts Team Members from many different departments. In late April, they also hosted several of those Team Members’ children as part of the National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. On this day, employers are encouraged to invite employees to bring their children to work. It was initially started in 1993 as Take Your Daughters to Work Day and was expanded in 2003 to include boys.

Donovan Butler has organized the event for the past few years and he put some extra effort into the event this year to not only keep the kids entertained, but to also teach them about Watco and what we do. 

Some of the activities planned were an office scavenger hunt, an interview with a Team Member about when they were their age, and using a Lego set to show how the supply chain works. “We used wooden train sets that had transload-}

ing as well as a dock and barge to teach about supply chains. The kids built a fully functioning train set with Legos and they held a competition to see who could build the best raised bridge structure for track out of toothpicks and marshmallows.”

Michele Valdivia, pricing analyst, brought her niece to work and little Miss Mila said that she had a really good time. “Her favorite thing was the train whistle that she got to take home and she got to see what her Auntie does,” said Valdivia.

Leah Woods, pricing analyst, said the only bad part about the day was that her son Brylen, who is seven, wants to go to work with her all the time now because he enjoyed the day so much.

Starting October 1, 2020, every air traveler will need a REAL ID-compliant license, or another acceptable form of identification, for domestic air travel.

As of May 2018, 32 states and territories have been certified as compliant, 23 have been granted extensions, and one territory (American Samoa) is not compliant.

For more information you can visit www.dhs.gov/REAL-id.
Congratulations to the following Team Members celebrating anniversaries this month.

1 Year: Blake Bosworth, Michelle Bowling, John Buckley, Caleb Curtiss, Christopher Dinora, Brian Dolan, Ryan Frazier, John Gomez, Gregory Humphreys, Ladarian Johnson, Christopher Keefe, Joshua Kingley, Dakota Lewis, Dinarauth Mangroo, Francisco Marroquin, Bradley Martinez, James McCooy, Luis Medina, Rene Mendoza, Casey Miller, Matthew Monroe, Kieran Moore, Jacob Owens, Jamie Owens, Chauncey Perkins Smoot, Ryan Raenser, Roger Reed, Amber Reeves, Brandon Ryan, Tyler Savoy, Hugo Silva, Wyatt Sliagowski, Corbyn Smith, Donald Smith, Jerick Staker, Tyler Summar, Michael Throne, James Trollope, Christopher Williams, Wayne Wiza

2 Years: Jacob Baker, Austin Barton, Ryan Calderon, Ivan Casto, James Cooper, Chad Easterling, Derrick Jackson, Ricky Justice, Elizabeth Patterson, KenTravion Pitts, Gregg Robbins, Nicholas Sharp, Jennifer Summers, Brenton Thomas, Jordan Wagner, Paul Williams, Joseph Zachmann, James Zimmermann


6 Years: Ronald Abbott, Thomas Barnes, Sean Benzimiller, Susan Buffington, Tara Carpenter, Sean Cox, James Degano, Curtis Hemby, Jeff Kelly, Carey O’Connor, Jordan Pallanes, Brian Pindell, Steven Renn, Jose Rodriguez, Angela Schaefer, Amanda Shanholzer, Derrick Thomas, Mashaela Thrall, Dust Wagnon, Dana Wilkerson, Lloyd Young

7 Years: Christian Breek, Felicia Fearmonti, Roy Foster, Cynthia Johnson, Tyler Jones, Nathan Kime, Benjamin May, Kristi Nunnellely, Alfred Pope, Michael Stotts, Paul Watland

8 Years: William Ascanio, Robert Betts, Silvestre Garza, Paul Goins, Russell King, Michael Mangan, Melissa Pennington, Tom Scheidemantel, Douglas Steed, Brandon Tomblin, John Winberg

9 Years: Sean Crowe, Daniel Garrett, Brent Marsh, Derek Witsman

10 Years: James Hite, Bernardo Santos, Richard Smith, Rendall Thompson, Matt Troth

11 Years: Tony Cox, Michelle Hubbard, Curtis Testerma

12 Years: Randall Chaney, Ivan Etherton, Phillip Forrest, Timothy Ragsdale, Pete Tavnarono

13 Years: Paul Christensen, David Gonzales, Nicolas Hanson, Jeremy Hollis, Leslie Kissel, Cameron Lundy, James Marr, Randon McIntyre, John McKinley, Angelina Pridemore

14 Years: Nolan Dartard, Joey Meadows, Marco Mendoza, Billy Mott, Chad Schillemam

15 Years: Donnie Creed, Mark Glover, James Waite

16 Years: Matthew Diestler, Mark St Aubin

18 Years: Barbara Crawford, Nancy Newbery

19 Years: Stacey Ayers, Dion Baltzell

20 Years: Robert Eineke, Luke Hartman, Christopher Jacobson, Randy Jacobson, Jason Rossman, Daniel Tank

22 Years: Jason Ford

23 Years: Brian Lanham

25 Years: Willis Iverson, James McDaniel

26 Years: John Nippa

27 Years: Paul Lawson

29 Years: William Gamble, Gary Harville, Michael Pollard

30 Years: Janice Ferrin

35 Years: Deborah Moody

37 Years: Michael Koon

45 Years: Billy Golden

Births

Haylee Rose Ermler

Andrew and Julie Ermler are proud to announce the birth of a daughter Haylee Rose.

Haylee was born on March 15, 2018. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19.5 inches long.

Andrew is the assistant track leadman for the Stillwater Central Railroad in Oklahoma.

Jack Wyatt Thompson

Brian and Keri Thompson are proud to announce the birth of a son Jack Wyatt.

Jack was born on February 9, 2018. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20.75 inches long.

Brian is the car shop leadman for the Stillwater Central Railroad in Oklahoma.

Grandparents are Jay and Carla Ewing. Carla is a supervisor at OTS and niece to Nikki (Lindsey) Layman operator at OTS.

Wedding

Johnathon and Heather Zorn

Johnathon Zorn and Heather Layman were married on November 18, 2017, in Prague, Oklahoma.

Johnathon is an operator at the Oklahoma City Terminal and Heather is a customer service representative at Oklahoma Transload Services (OTS).

Emmie Lynn Zorn

Johnathon and Heather Zorn are proud to announce the birth of a daughter Emmie Lynn.

Emmie was born on March 1, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Johnathon is an operator at the Oklahoma City Terminal and Heather is a customer service representative at Oklahoma Transload Services (OTS).

Emmie is the first grandchild of Christie Layman, a supervisor at OTS and niece to Nikki (Lindsey) Layman operator at OTS.

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Delmer Armentrout, Austin Western Railroad (AWRR) track foreman certainly fits that role. Delmer joined the Team about two years ago and immediately expressed a desire to grow in the company.

He came on board with a Class A CDL with every endorsement, and then he quickly learned basic track maintenance skills and worked into a RWIC role. He was then promoted to an assistant foreman position where he leads crews each day. To add to his growing skill set, Delmer recently attended Watco’s track inspector school.

Delmer’s ability isn’t limited to his ability on the track. He also was elected by his peers to be the Team Safety & Improvement Committee (TS&IC) leader to represent the AWRR. Since his takeover, the TS&IC Team has grown tremendously. They are actively discovering and resolving safety concerns on the AWRR.

AWRR roadmaster Dustin Hiser said, “Delmer is a natural leader and has taken the younger guys under his wing. He is teaching them to safely operate equipment and is offering them training in class and in the field on how to obtain their CDL’s. He spends countless hours of time volunteering on his own accord to better the railroad.”

Congratulations, Jose “Wally” Acosta! Wally, a locomotive mechanic, recently celebrated 40 years of service in the locomotive repair industry. He was brand new to locomotives when he started with Inman Services in 1978. Watco purchased Inman in 1991 and Wally stayed on, becoming an important fixture with the Locomotive Leasing group. The group works out of the Greens Port Industrial Park in Houston, Texas, and takes care of approximately 110 leased locomotives in the Houston area. They also maintain the locomotives for the switching locations in the area and about 30 that are spread out in Dallas, Refugio, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi.

Wally’s Team presented him with a plaque, treated him to lunch, and gave him a gift card. “We are proud to call him part of our family and enjoy his spirit and positive attitude each and every day,” said Don Rudd, director of locomotive services.

“When you meet Wally, he always has a smile on his face and projects nothing but a positive attitude toward life,” Don added.