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## **ADEQ Director Steve Owens Announces Recycling Scholarship Winners**

PHOENIX (April 22, 2008) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today announced that ADEQ has awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each under the department's Recycling Scholarship Program to 10 Arizona high school seniors throughout the state.

The winners and the schools they attend are:

- Linda Baez, Pueblo Magnet High School, Tucson
- Melanie Napier, Salome High School, Salome
- Katie Radosevic, Verde Valley School, Sedona
- Kathryn Ross, Kingman High School, Kingman
- Mia Spencer, Millennium High School, Goodyear
- Dalton Sterner, Desert Mountain High School, Scottsdale
- Dustin Teague, Benson High School, Benson
- Maria Tedesco, Centennial High School, Peoria
- Leslie Kay Tobar, Northern Arizona Academy, Taylor
- Lauren Ashley Wilson, Safford High School, Safford

Each of these students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for expenses at a college or university in Arizona. The scholarship recipients were selected by ADEQ based on the proposals they submitted to ADEQ outlining a waste reduction or recycling project in their school or community that they have implemented during this month.

"The purpose of this innovative scholarship program is to encourage Arizona students to think about ways to protect the environment while helping them meet the escalating costs of college," Director Owens said. "These high school seniors came up with some terrific ideas for recycling projects."

Owens said ADEQ developed the scholarship program to encourage school recycling activities throughout the state. The scholarship program is funded by the ADEQ Recycling Grant Program.

Information about the scholarships is available at the following address:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/program.html>