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The Hays County Bar Association has awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to local high school students in memory of two local legal legends- Judge Terry Jacks and attorney Tom Garner. The recipients of these scholarships are **Aaron Nathaniel Spencer** (2018, San Marcos H.S.) and **Caleb Cable** (2018, Wimberley H.S.), who demonstrated an impeccable academic record and a devotion to improve the quality of life in our community.

The scholarship, called the Jacks-Garner Scholarship, was started in memory of Judge Terry Jacks many years ago, and has been awarded regularly by the bar association since 2016. Tom Garner served as the first Scholarship Chairman. When Tom Garner passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, many people felt the immediate loss of such a stalwart in our community and the local legal profession. Following his passing, Association members unanimously voted to change the name of the scholarship to the Jacks-Garner Scholarship.

This past year we lost another steadfast figure in our legal community- criminal defense attorney William Rugeley. Mr. Rugeley had served our community as the elected District Attorney for many years, he taught courses at Texas State University and worked as a criminal defense attorney for decades as well- he practiced law for a total of 48 years. He passed away suddenly on November 30, 2018, and requested that those wishing to honor his memory could do so by donating to the Jacks-Garner Scholarship fund.

Given the outpouring of donations in memory of William Rugeley, the Hays County Bar Association is pleased to announce a third recipient of the Jacks-Garner Scholarship, given to **Leah McDonald** (2018, Navarro H. S.) in the amount of \$1,500, and given in memory of Mr. William Rugeley.

Christopher P. Johnson, local county prosecutor, serves as the Scholarship Chairman. He, along with the association's scholarship committee, reviewed all applications and selected **Aaron Nathaniel Spencer**, **Caleb Cable**, and **Leah McDonald** based on their applications. Their applications included a Personal Statement, transcripts, volunteer service record and resume, and three letters of recommendation.

There were many qualified candidates that applied for these scholarships. Thank you to all who applied.