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Linkages Scholarship Recipients Announced

COLUMBUS, Neb. — Linkages Scholarships were awarded to 11 students in the 2019 graduating class at Columbus High School.

The Linkages Program is a nationally recognized program that supports high schools offering a quality program of engineering and technology courses. The Columbus Economic Council, Loup Power District, and local businesses provide support for the program.

The students qualified for the Linkages Scholarship by taking engineering and technical courses. The scholarship can be used at each student's college of choice.

The 2019 Linkages Scholarships were awarded to the following students: **Gold Level** — Logan Garbers, Edwin Ortiz-Morales, Eduardo Lares, and Ethan Gaston; **Silver Level** — Avery McMeekin, Pedro Zayas-Vargas, Mitchell Thelen, and Heriberto Huerta-Zayas; **Bronze Level** — Jan Gomez, Treyton Mead, and Eduardo Loreda-Luevano.

The following local sponsors provided important financial support to this year's program: BD Medical, Behlen Mfg., Cargill Protein, Columbus Bank, Columbus Community Hospital, Duo Lift Manufacturing, Pinnacle Bank, and TORIN Products.

Since its beginning in 2004, the Linkages Program has awarded 192 scholarships totaling \$57,775.

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