

Praeses Co-Sponsors AFCEA Scholarship Banquet Honoring Outstanding High School

SHREVEPORT, LA – Monday, July 6, 2009. The Ark-La-Tex chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), hosted a scholarship banquet to honor ten high school seniors on April 16, 2009. Praeses, a Diamond Sponsor of AFCEA, co-sponsored the “VVIP Reception” held before the event and also presented the “Praeses Diamond Partner” scholarship to one of the honorees, Evan Cordell.

Scholarship recipients, all local high school seniors, were selected based upon several criteria, including outstanding academic performance, extracurricular involvement and, most importantly, an interest in the field of technology at the university level. All of the honorees will pursue a technology-based major—science, technology, engineering, mathematics—upon entering college in the fall. Each student received a \$3,000 scholarship and a new laptop, amongst other earned awards.

“Through the scholarship program, AFCEA inspires youth to achieve academic honors and become more involved at school and in the community. As the technology field gains prevalence and importance in today’s world, we ultimately want to motivate students to choose a technology-based career path as well,” explains Colonel Ward Heinke, President of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of AFCEA.

The Praeses scholarship was awarded to Evan Cordell, a recent graduate of the Louisiana School for Math, Sciences and the Arts. A very well-rounded individual, he is active in both academic and philanthropic organizations. Evan will attend Tulane University, majoring in Engineering Physics and Mathematics.

Colonel (Ret.) Kevin Smith, Director of Government Business Development at Praeses, says, “We were honored to award Evan with a \$3,000 scholarship. His exceptional academic abilities, extracurricular achievements and personality embody the values of an ideal team member and employee. I hope to see more individuals of his caliber choose an IT field of study.”

Presenting the scholarships were Congressman John Fleming, Representative of Louisiana’s Fourth District, Kent Schneider, President and CEO of AFCEA International, and Colonel Ward Heinke. All were present at the Praeses sponsored VVIP event, hosted to foster joint communication between AFCEA, Congressman Fleming and his staff, Team Barksdale Air Force Base Leadership (Eighth Air Force, AFCYER (P), Second Bomb Wing and 917th Wing) and Praeses.



Praeses CEO Frank Auer with Congressman John Fleming



Praeses' President Kempton Schwab with Congressman John Fleming, scholarship recipient Evan Cordell, AFCEA ArkLaTex Chapter President Col. Ward Heinke, AFCEA International President/CEO Kent Schneider

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