

# Spouses clubs name 21 scholarship recipients

By Tyler Grimes

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The Officers Spouses and Enlisted Spouses clubs jointly held their annual scholarship evening and awards ceremony May 11 at the Delta Breeze Club.

The purpose of the event was to award Travis military spouses and their families a scholarship to pursue higher education. In total, the two clubs gave out \$34,000 to the evening's 21 recipients.

The recipients were divided into three categories: high school students

seeking an undergraduate degree, spouses seeking undergraduate degrees and spouses seeking graduate degrees. The theme of the event was the "Bucket List," which is about setting goals and doing what it takes to achieve them in all aspects of life.

To receive the scholarships, the recipients each submitted an essay about their own bucket lists said Brad Eychner, Travis Officers Spouses Club president. The essays were given to the Travis Education Center to be graded by education professionals. Some of the criteria the judges used to grade the es-

says were the applicants' educational achievements, extra-circular activities and community involvement.

"We are trying to capture the whole person concept," Eychner said. "Between their school work, employment and community services – the essays are a way to capture those things."

Once the essays were graded, they were ranked and returned to the clubs with only the scores and not the candidate's names to protect the integrity of the process, he said. The amount of money the clubs award is based on the score. Although the recipients were

notified that they would be receiving a scholarship, they did not learn the amount until their names were announced at the ceremony.

For high school senior Destinee McGuire, receiving the scholarship will help cross off a big item from her bucket list. She plans to use the award to attend college for environmental sciences.

"It costs a lot of money and everything counts," McGuire said. "So everything that I get is going to help me not be in debt."

For people like McGuire who would

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## Golf course stocked, ready for fishing derby



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U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Nicole Leidholm  
**1) Children watch Wednesday to see the fish before they were put into the pond for Saturday's Fishing Derby at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Check-in time for the derby is 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The derby begins at 8 a.m.**

**2) Children from the Travis Youth Center gathered Wednesday to see the fish before they were put into the pond for this weekend's Fishing Derby at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. The children even had the opportunity to pet the fish.**



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## New expo maximizes family time

By Staff Sgt. Timothy Boyer

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Just one year ago, Airmen preparing for deployment were required to go to a one-hour meeting at the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Travis. This meeting fulfilled a deployment checklist requirement from the AFRC once the readiness NCO signed it off.

Fast forward to 2012, as the Air Force continues to do more with less, Airmen continue to come up with more efficient, and equally effective, ways to do things.

One such Airman is Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bogdan, 60th Force Support Squadron readiness NCO. Bogdan and his team at the Airman and Family Readiness Center saw a problem with the way the predeployment briefings were happening and they decided to do something about it.

"There was too much briefing and not enough impact on service members and their families," Bogdan said. "The new format makes it so members are being briefed by more agencies and families are briefed on programs specific to them."

The AFRC team got busy turning the previous one-hour briefing into a half-hour readiness expo, during which several agencies would participate, allowing deploying Airmen to get

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