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CHOUDHARY, DOYLE NAMED SHENANDOAH RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SHENANDOAH, TEXAS. April 27, 2017. Tarunika Choudhary and Amanda Doyle were named as recipients in the 8th Shenandoah Resident Scholarship presentation at the April 26 Shenandoah City Council meeting.

The scholarship, sponsored by the Shenandoah Civic Club, is open to all high school seniors who live in the city of Shenandoah. Each year, applicants must submit a 700-1000 word essay on the year's topic selection. A second requirement is a photograph of something you love about Shenandoah and a 500-700 word essay describing the photo. Finally each applicant must also submit a letter of recommendation and a school acceptance letter. This year's topic was to discuss the pros and cons of social media and its personal impact on your life.

In making the announcement at the council meeting, Shenandoah Council Member and Scholarship Committee member Darrell Frazier asked the other committee members to join him at the podium. "I say this every year, but this is the best committee to be on," said Frazier as he introduced his committee members – Pam Sorich, Yvonne Duell, Julie Vickers, Janeu Houston, Kacie Bevers and Council Member Jean Teague. "It is a pleasure and an honor to present awards to two young ladies this year that have written really exemplary essays."

Choudhary, who received a \$1,000 scholarship, will be attending the University of Texas. In her essay she noted the Toddler Park as something she loves in Shenandoah. "Shenandoah encourages families to

join each other and enjoy time outside the house,” she wrote. “The park is an effort to bring about family friendly places for gatherings, while simultaneously promoting the importance of nature. Overall, the park symbolizes everything I love about Shenandoah.”

Doyle, the other \$1,000 scholarship recipient, will attend the University of British Columbia. “Though my image just depicts flowers and trees, the image is far more than just that,” she wrote. “A proper description of both the photo and what I like about Shenandoah cannot be complete without a nod to the sense of living in an individual community ... with its own spirit. (It is) what draws people to the city.”

In closing the presentation. Frazier commented, “It is also very humbling every year to see a different world from the eyes of our youth, when we, as adults, have opposite or narrow views.”



From left, Pam Sorich, Jean Teague, Amanda Doyle, Darrell Frazier, Tarunika Choudhary, Kacie Bevers, Julie Vickers