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Plateau Announces National Scholarship Recipient

Arlington, Va., (May 8, 2023)—Today, Plateau announced that Tyler Saiz has received a scholarship through the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS). Founded in 1994, FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association, of which Plateau is a member.

The FRS Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural communities for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company, who also contributes a portion of the scholarship award. This year FRS awarded a total of \$124,000 for 42 scholarships to students across the country.

“Providing opportunities for young people in rural communities is a core mission for FRS. We are proud to partner with NTCA member companies and generous individuals in the industry to make these scholarships possible each year. Congratulations to Tyler,” said Pam Becker, Executive Director of FRS.

Tyler will graduate from Fort Sumner High School this month.

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Formed in 1949 as Eastern New Mexico Rural Telephone Cooperative, Plateau provides advanced communication services, including voice and broadband, to residents in all or parts of 19 eastern New Mexico counties and four in the Texas Panhandle.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. In an era of transformative technological advancements, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are leading the technological evolution for rural consumers, delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic

development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit us at <https://www.ntca.org>.