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CIS Major From Liberal Receives National Scholarship

Selected from a national pool of applicants, OPSU student, Levi Adams of Liberal, is the recipient of the 2013-2014 national William R. Reaugh Scholarship.

Adams, a senior at OPSU, has been selected for the scholarship on the basis of scholastic ability, leadership, potential, financial need and application quality. The William R. Reaugh Scholarship is awarded by the Foundation for Information Technology Education (FITE) to support individuals seeking a degree in an information technology-related program. Scholarship funds will be applied towards the cost of his spring semester at OPSU.

Adams is majoring in Computer Information Systems (CIS) at OPSU and minoring in Business Administration with plans to graduate in May 2014. A 2011 Liberal High School graduate, Adams came to OPSU after completing two semesters at Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan. He is a member of the award winning OPSU Programming Team as well as the OPSU Phi Beta Lambda Business club where he successfully competes in IT and business competitions.

Adams works at the Carter Hall computer lab on the OPSU campus and is an AVID middle/ high school tutor for USD 480 Liberal School District. In the summer, he works as a computer technician for USD 480. Adams enjoys technology, gaming, skateboarding and snowboarding as well as health and fitness.

Adams said, "I did not know I would end up attending school in the Panhandle, but I am glad I'm a part of the CIS program. I learn something every day—as I should—and if I was elsewhere, I would not have the opportunities I have or will have. I feel like I received this scholarship because I am a part of the program here."

Future plans include working in the Information Technology (IT) field, preferably in networking or computer maintenance/troubleshooting. Adams plans to enroll in a master's program in the next several years.

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