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Borax Visitor Center Foundation Announces 2010 Scholarship Winners

(Boron, California) – The Borax Visitor Center Foundation (BVCF) today announced recipients of its 2010 scholarship awards. Seven students from Boron High School were awarded scholarships of between \$500 and \$2,000.

“We are pleased to see such outstanding students at Boron High School” said Dean Gehring, Foundation Board President and General Manager for Rio Tinto Minerals, Boron Operations. “All of the recipients are successful academically, but also leaders in areas of athletics and community service.”

Boron High School seniors Jenna Mattox, Breanna Sexton-Ross, and Rachel Sousa were each awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Both Ms. Mattox and Ms. Sexton-Ross plan on attending Antelope Valley College in pursuit of a nursing degree. Ms. Mattox plans to transfer to Cal State Northridge, while Ms. Sexton-Ross expects to transfer to UC Davis. Ms. Sousa looks forward to attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she will major in engineering.

Other scholarship recipients included John Christman, Kaylynn Clark, Brooke Hernandez, and Kayla Martz. Each of these Boron High School seniors received a \$500 scholarship through the Foundation.

The BVCF is administered as a partnership with local community leaders. Grants totaling more than \$175,000 and nearly \$40,000 in scholarships have been returned to the community by the Borax Visitor Center Foundation over the past 10 years.

The Borax Visitor Center is operated by Rio Tinto Minerals – Boron Operations, a division of London-based Rio Tinto. Rio Tinto Minerals ships approximately one million tons of reined borates from its mining and refining operations in Boron, California, to customers in nearly 100 countries.

Borates are naturally occurring minerals that are essential to plan growth, part of a healthy human diet, and a key ingredient in the manufacture of glass, fiberglass, ceramics, detergents, fertilizers, wood preservatives and many other products.

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