

Eastern Oklahoma State College  
Hank Mooney, Office of Public Information  
<http://www.eosc.edu>

## **Eastern sophomore receives national honors**

(Press Release 04-16-10)

Eastern Oklahoma State College sophomore Kelbie Kennedy from Buffalo Valley has been named to receive two nationally competitive scholarships as she transfers to Oklahoma University in the fall from the Wilburton college.



Kennedy has been named as a 2010 COCA-COLA SILVER SCHOLAR by the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa and as a 2010 Udall Scholar by the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

Her selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Gold, Silver and Bronze Scholars will be listed in a special section of USA TODAY April 19. She will be provided with a check for \$1,250 later this summer.

Kennedy was selected from a “highly qualified class” of 537 candidates nominated by 526 colleges and universities across the country. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for the Scholar’s junior or senior college year.

Eighty students from 63 colleges and universities nation wide were selected as 2010 Udall Scholars. The scholarship has generated 1,155 Udall Scholars since the first awards in 1996. She was one of three scholars chosen that attended two-year colleges.

Kennedy is a member of ESGA where she serves as President, and Vice President of Leadership in Phi Theta Kappa, President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, on the Leadership Team of Baptist Collegiate Ministry. She is a member of the Photography Club, Aggie Club and NASA-Native American Student Association. She is also the Project Leader, Community Service Projects and Social Coordinator for Honors.

She was also active in sports and active with the Theatre Department, Speech and the student newspaper. She has received various awards including American FFA Degree, Outstanding Student in Language and Communication 2008-09, ESGA President, President’s Honor Roll – Fall 2008 & Spring 2009, Presidential Scholar, FCA President Award, BCM Leadership Team Award, and PTK Vice President.

She was recently named to the All-Oklahoma Academic Team and attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual George and Donna Nigh Leadership Scholarship Academy.