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*Young Scholars Are Among 12 Students Selected for
Their Academic Achievements and Promise*

WESTMINSTER, Md. – Oct. 13, 2025 – Two students from the Westminster, Maryland, area have been awarded 2025 scholarships from the combined North American Rail division companies of Knorr-Bremse, recognizing their academic achievements and future potential as they pursue higher education. The students were selected for this year's U.S.-based cohort of 12 first-time scholarship recipients.

The Westminster-area recipients, both first-year students, are:

- Devin Hanson, who is studying sociology at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
- Kaleb Smith, who is majoring in mathematics at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Both students are children of employees at Knorr Brake Company (KBC), part of the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse's North American Rail group. In addition to the Westminster, Maryland-based KBC, which supplies the transit rail industry, the group includes Watertown, New York-based New York Air Brake (freight rail); and Grain Valley, Missouri-based KB Signaling (conventional signaling).

The scholarship program was established in 2019 by New York Air Brake as a way to support children of employees and reinforce the company's commitment to education. It expanded to include Knorr Brake Company in 2023 and KB Signaling in 2025.

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Scholarship recipients embody the promise and potential that the program was created to support. Their chosen fields span healthcare, science, engineering, and the arts and humanities – reflecting their diverse talents and aspirations.

Since its inception, dozens of students have benefited annually from the scholarship, which has become a hallmark initiative of the North American Rail group. This year, 24 students across the U.S. are supported through the program, including the 12 new recipients and 12 students who received a scholarship renewal.

“KBC is proud to support this program and the outstanding students, like Devin and Kaleb, who represent the future of our North American Rail group family,” said Matt Shick, vice president of human resources at Knorr-Bremse Rail NA. “This scholarship reflects our belief in the power of education, the strength of our community commitment, and the company’s ongoing investment in helping the children of our team members succeed.”

About Knorr Brake Company

Since 1973, Knorr Brake Company has been the innovative leader in supplying North American rail market customers, including light rail vehicles, metro, and high-speed trains. With its headquarters in Westminster, Maryland, the company operates sales and service facilities in Carmel, New York, and Union City, California. KBC’s subsidiaries – IFE North America LLC (passenger door systems) and Merak North America LLC (climate-control systems) – are co-located in Westminster. Knorr Brake Company is a member of the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader in braking systems and a leading supplier of other safety-critical rail and commercial vehicle systems. Contact Knorr Brake Company at knorrbrakecorp.com and follow us on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/knorr-brake-company](https://www.linkedin.com/company/knorr-brake-company). To learn more about career opportunities at KBC, please visit www.kbnajobs.com.

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