

Doudna named ESU Rudd Scholar

EMPORIA — In a year noted for unpredictability and changed plans, Cali Doudna, Lebo, a first-time student at Emporia State, is able to pursue her college dreams with one certainty, her education is paid for thanks to scholarships from the Rudd Foundation of Wichita.



Cali Doudna

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nancial awards. It can be applied only toward studies at Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University or Wichita State University for full-time students in pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

Four other students were also named Rudd Scholars including Ashley Cookson, Howard, Blake Murphy, Osage City, Noah Salazar, Sterling, and Kylee Sull, Americus.

The Rudd Scholarship is a competitive, four-year award designed to pay any remaining costs associated with tuition and fees, books and supplies and room and board after accounting for all other grants, scholarships and fi-

The Rudd Foundation will open applications for 2021 scholarships on Oct. 12. Information is online at ruddfoundation.org.

BHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Photo submitted

Seniors Shalonn Wright, left, and Caedon Berkenmeier were chosen as the October Students of the Month at Burlington High School. Shalonn was nominated by Shane Clapper, social studies instructor. Clapper said, "Shalonn has an incredible attitude and is always looking to improve. I have had him twice as a student during his time at Burlington High School. I have also coached him in track since his freshman year. He has an excellent work ethic which will serve him well in college. He is a great contribution to the school in multiple areas. Last year in track, he was helping lead the team as a junior until COVID-19 shut it down. I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes in sports, but more importantly in life." Caedon was nominated by Diane Marshall, library media specialist. Marshall said, "I was covering Mrs. Hess' class where Caedon is a teacher's aide. The students were struggling with an assignment and Caedon basically took over teaching the class. Because of him, the class period was productive, and I appreciated his willingness to step in and help." The Student of the Month program is the school's incentive to recognize students who stand out among their peers. Certified staff nominate deserving individuals and students are randomly chosen from all nominees each month, to determine the winners.

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Jesus, take the wheel

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"Jesus, take the wheel, Take it from my hands, Because I can't do this on my own, I'm letting go, So give me one more chance, And save me from this road I'm on, Jesus, take the wheel." — Carrie Underwood

Yes, Jesus, take the wheel. 2020 is out of control, and all I see is chaos and confusion. I don't know what will happen next, and not sure I even want to find out.

I hope I am not alone, but hasn't this year just been crazy and out of control? When things are out of control, we seem to want God to take the lead in our lives. Jesus, take the wheel. Jesus, come back, TODAY! Jesus, where are you? Jesus, we need you now!

Matthew 14:22-33 is the story of Jesus walking on water to the disciples who had set sail at Jesus' command. The disciples were a reasonable distance from the shore and found themselves fighting against the waves brought on by a storm. It's safe to assume from the text that the disciples may have been on edge. If you have ever been on the water when a storm comes in, you can relate. As they were fighting, they looked up and saw a figure walking toward them. They were terrified. Jesus addressed their fear. He called out to them, identifying himself to them.

Peter, being Peter,

called out to Jesus, "... if it's you, call me out onto the water!" Jesus gave him the okay to get out of the boat. I imagine Peter jumping out of the boat, walking briskly toward Jesus.

Just as Peter hit his stride, he was distracted by the wind and the waves. He took his eyes off Christ and began to sink into the water. He quickly called out to Jesus to save him. Isn't it like us to take our eyes off Christ, the things of God, and then call out to Him to save us when we begin to drown in the waves of life? The issue is we want to be in control of our lives

until things get out of control. We want to follow God when it's beneficial to us, but not necessarily when challenged by Him. We want Jesus in the car, but we want to steer. If you and I want to get to our destination spiritually and discover our story in Christ, we must let Him lead in everything. Jesus can't be the co-pilot. He has to be in control and the focus of our lives. During my Bible study this week, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me this thought.

Walk behind me and even beside me, but never before me. Jesus is to lead us in all things. When we walk ahead of Him, we will always find ourselves flailing about in this life, never being able to catch our breath or discover His purpose and our story. We can't wait until things get out of control to hand Him the wheel.

Give Jesus control of your life today. All of it. No matter what storms we face, we can rest assured that He will guide us through them and give us peace.

From the Bible

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.

— John 15:7

Growth is a journey

Watching children grow into adulthood can be a marvelous experience. From crawling to walking, from uttering sounds that make no sense to carrying on an intelligent conversation is almost breathtaking. Growth is a gift of God and can bring blessings and happiness - especially when we grow into the likeness of Christ and share His grace with those around us.

The Amplified Bible provides a rich translation of Psalm 92:14. "Growing in grace," writes the Psalmist, "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of spiritual vitality and rich in expressing trust, love and contentment."

Growth, for the Christian, is a lifelong journey. And those who grow in His grace and are filled with His mercy have much to live for and share with others. Imagine the sat-

isfaction of having lived a life that honors God's Word, lives God's gospel and expresses His love. Can there be anything more important for the Christian than becoming stronger in our faith, clearer in our convictions, warmer in our love, purer in our thoughts and kinder in our words and deeds as we grow older and more mature in Christ?

We live in a broken world. Everywhere we look, we see people who have been betrayed by those whom they dearly loved and trusted. We see people writhing in pain and anguish as they search for someone to offer them hope and encouragement. We dare not let them down.

What a wonderful opportunity God has given us.

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