

## PIEDMONT LITHIUM'S POWER FOR LIFE FOUNDATION SELECTS THREE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Belmont, North Carolina, May 23, 2023 – Piedmont Lithium Inc. (“Piedmont” or “Company”) (Nasdaq:PLL; ASX:PLL), a developer of lithium resources critical to the U.S. electric vehicle supply chain, today announced three North Carolina students as scholarship recipients from the Piedmont Lithium Foundation - Power for Life, Inc. (“Power for Life”).



Michael Jones of Highland School of Technology, Riley Kiser of Cherryville High School, and Ella Tynan of South Point High School were selected to receive up to \$20,000 to help further their pursuit of their education related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (“STEM”). The recipients are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year for four consecutive years to assist with tuition, room, and board expenses at an

accredited post-secondary institution.

"We are thrilled to recognize these outstanding students with scholarships," said Kris McVey, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Piedmont and President of Power for Life. "We were impressed by Michael, Riley, and Ella because they have excelled academically while demonstrating a keen commitment to their communities. We believe these students will ultimately make significant contributions in STEM, and we look forward to supporting the next chapter of their academic careers."



Michael Jones

Jones is on track to graduate from Highland School of Technology in June and is already certified in AutoCAD and AutoDesk Inventor. He is an active member of the nationally accredited Technology Student Association (TSA) and the school’s Animatronics Team, which placed first in the state’s TSA conference in 2022. In addition to excelling academically, Jones played soccer throughout high school and is currently leading the varsity soccer team as captain. Jones plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at North Carolina State University and, ultimately, a career in manufacturing.



Riley Kiser

Kiser, a student at Cherryville High School, has a profound interest in supporting ecological conservation and sustainability initiatives. She immersed herself in STEM education beginning in early childhood and continued challenging herself with AP science classes throughout high school. Kiser plans to attend Appalachian State University to study environmental science with a concentration in life sciences. She is passionate about education, exploring environmental stewardship, and advocating for women and girls in STEM.





Tynan currently attends South Point High School and is planning to study chemistry at Appalachian State University. Her interest in STEM began in sixth grade when she joined TSA; it flourished throughout high school in her roles at Eliminate the Digital Divide and the Center for Digital Equity, where she helped bridge gaps between those with and without access to technology. Tynan also has aided local conservation efforts by serving on the board of Keep Belmont Beautiful. In college, she plans to explore environmental research focused on conserving and generating renewable energy.

*Ella Tynan*

Piedmont launched Power for Life earlier this year to focus on important charitable and educational initiatives to support the communities in which Piedmont expects to operate in North Carolina and Tennessee. Power for Life supports various philanthropic efforts and organizations in the communities, including sponsoring STEM initiatives within local K-12 and post-secondary educational institutions as well as scholarships for current and future STEM students. In addition to Jones, Kiser, and Tynan, Power for Life also selected three scholarship recipients in Tennessee as part of its 2023 scholarship program: Bradley Farmer, Wesley “Alex” Gaskins, and Logan Smith.

For more information on Power for Life, email [foundation@piedmontlithium.com](mailto:foundation@piedmontlithium.com) or visit us online by [clicking here](#).

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