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# HHS senior awarded Maddox scholarship

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Jordan Said has been awarded the 2012 Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship by an independent selection committee appointed by the J. F. Maddox Foundation, Don Maddox, President of the Foundation announced.



Said

The selection committee is comprised of Ellen Shanor of Roswell, Gracie Sosa of Hobbs, Dr. Lynn Shaw of Hobbs, Mike Newell of Lovington, and Gregory Smith of Hobbs.

Said will be a senior at Hobbs High School this fall. He is the son of Dr. Elias Said and Dr. Kathleen Callaghan of Hobbs. He plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology with a concentration in biotechnology from Yale University, Princeton University, or Stanford University.

The J. F. Maddox Foundation received 32 applications from throughout Lea County for the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship. The selection committee reviewed each applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and written essays, and selected 13 semifinalists for personal inter-

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views. From those semi-finalists, the Selection Committee selected five finalists: Mikaela Hicks of Hobbs, Devin Miles of Jal, Timothy Pearce of Tatum, Danielle Roberts of Lovington, and Said of Hobbs.

With the award of the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship, Said will be able to pursue an undergraduate degree from a college or university of his choice in the continental United States. The Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship covers all costs of tuition, lab and other fees, textbooks, and on-campus room and board for his entire four-year undergraduate education.

The remaining four finalists, each of whom is considered a "Maddox Scholar," will receive scholarships of \$16,000 each, \$4,000 per year for four years of undergraduate study, which also may be utilized at any public or private college or university in the continental United States. Recently, several regional colleges and universities have entered into agreements with the Foundation to match the Maddox Scholar award with additional scholarships based on their selection as a Maddox Scholar. All 13 semi-finalists will receive a notebook computer next spring at their respective high school senior award presentations. In addition to the five finalists, the semi-finalists included Jordan Benge of Hobbs, Nathaniel De La Cruz of Lovington, Johnathan Howell of Hobbs, Valerie Jacquez of Hobbs, Kelly Kingston of Hobbs,

Alex Ontiveros of Lovington, Brenda Saldana of Eunice, and Lauren Tinley of Hobbs.

These awards mark the seventeenth year of the Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholarship program with over \$2 million in scholarships having been awarded to Lea County students.

Prior Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholars include Jill Doverspike, who graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2001; Amanda Whitt, who graduated in 2002 from Southwestern University; Heath Weeks, who graduated from Wheaton College in 2003; Jennifer Pierce, who graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 2004; Paul Francis, who graduated from Trinity University in 2004; Brittany Grovey, who graduated from Brown University in 2005; Karen McReynolds who graduated from Duke University in 2006; Chase Bridgforth, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2008; Ben Parra, who graduated from Stanford University in 2009; Neelima Navuluri, who graduated from Duke University in 2010; Chris Mosley, who attended Illinois Institute of Technology; and Wei Chang, who attended University of California, Berkeley.

Other Jack Maddox Distinguished Scholars who continue working toward their undergraduate degree include Marcos Aranda at Brown University, Ryan Glenn at Texas Tech University, Ryan Roberts at Rice University, and Marissa Davis at Texas Christian University.

The J. F Maddox Foundation was established by Jack Maddox and his wife, Mabel, who were long time residents of Hobbs.