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### **Educational Foundation Awards 2019 Absher-Moxley Scholarship**

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 recipients of the Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship.

Anna Burcham is the 2019 recipient of a \$500 Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship. In her application essay, Anna reflected on how drug abuse affects families in every situation, from home life, to work, to friendships, sharing, “All of the drug addict’s family and friends get torn down with them, not only the ones living inside the home.” Anna is a 2019 graduate of North Surry High School and plans to attend Salem College in the fall.

In 2011, Mr. Frankie Andrews and his family established The Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship through the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation. It is named for Mr. Andrews’ two nephews, Matthew Absher, and Brandon Moxley, who were athletes, but lost their young lives within a four-year period, due to the adverse effects of prescription drug addiction. These young men were deeply beloved by many, including their loving family, friends, and Alleghany High School classmates. Nothing can take away the pain, but Mr. Andrews and his family wish to help educate youth about the dangers of prescription drugs and help prevent others from following the same path as Matthew and Brandon.

The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation facilitates this scholarship. To make a donation to this program, you may send your check to the Surry County Schools Educational Foundation, c/o Absher-Moxley Memorial Scholarship, PO Box 364, Dobson, NC 27017. For more information, contact Ashley Mills, Foundation Liaison, (336) 386-8211 or [millsa@surry.k12.nc.us](mailto:millsa@surry.k12.nc.us).