

## **FNBT News**

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### **Adelaide Jones earns LLS Student of the Year**

A high school student in Church Point, La., with family ties to Grady County, has earned the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year award for her national leadership in fundraising.

While still in high school, Adelaide Jones launched her campaign after learning that her dad, Scot Jones, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. In about 10 weeks, she raised more than \$58,000, which well exceeded her stated personal goal of \$40,000.

Her parents are Scot and Lynda Jones of Church Point. Her grandmother is Kay Jones of Rush Springs.

"I am more than proud of her," said her grandmother. "She's a very loving, respectful young lady who loves life and people. She has a sincere honesty about her. She pursued this dream with all of her heart. Of course, this was inspired by her love for her dad. Sometimes the hardest things in life can challenge us in many positive ways."

First National Bank & Trust Co. joined in the long list of 240-plus companies and families supporting Adelaide's campaign.

"I have joined a team that is driven to find cures for blood cancer," Adelaide Jones wrote on her LLS-sponsored webpage: <https://pages.mwoy.org/msla/laf18/ajones>

"Our team is working to raise as much as possible over the next 10 weeks. Every dollar we raise counts as one vote and the candidate whose team tallies the most votes earns the prestigious title of "Student of the Year."

Her motivation was deeply personal.

"On September 6, 2016, my dad was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Everyone hears about cancer and knows about the damage it causes, but most don't truly understand its impact until it hits close to home. My entire family was scared, mostly because we had tons of questions and not many answers. When will he start Chemo? Will that get rid of the cancer? Will my dad live long enough to see me grow up? To walk me down the aisle when I get married one day? Eventually many of

these questions were answered, and after a stressful and worrisome month and a half, my dad started chemo and his journey to health.”

In March 2017, Scot Jones finished chemo and later was diagnosed as in remission.

More information about leukemia and lymphoma are available at [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).



Kay Jones of Rush Springs, left, joins her granddaughter, Adelaide Jones of Church Point, La., center, to receive a gift from First National Bank & Trust Co. FNBT joined more than 240 other companies and families to help Adelaide raise more than \$58,000 for research in blood cancers. At right is Laurie Elzo, executive vice president and chief trust officer at FNBT. INSET: Adelaide with her dad, Scot.