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Tacoma to be presented Tuesday

MOREHEAD STATE STUDENT AWARDED 2019 TOYOTA

Lexington – A Morehead State University student is the lucky winner of Kentucky Blood Center’s summer grand prize and will be awarded her 2019 Toyota Tacoma this week. Anny Smith, a junior majoring in International Studies, donated blood at a KBC drive on campus in August.

The Tacoma will be presented to Smith on Tuesday, September 24 at Noon, at the ADUC Plaza on Morehead State’s campus.

“I donate blood because it is the right thing to do,” Smith said. “I make enough blood to share some, and the recipients need it very much. I’m more than ecstatic to have won the truck! I feel very blessed and fortunate. I am very thankful to the Kentucky Blood Center for giving me this amazing opportunity. I hope this encourages others to donate as well.”

Smith has donated blood many times in her hometown of Middletown, Ohio, but the August donation on her college campus was her first with Kentucky Blood Center. In addition to the satisfaction of saving up to three lives with her donation, Smith’s donation also won her the summer’s grand prize.

Kentucky Blood Center holds blood drives throughout Eastern Kentucky, including four blood drives each year on the Morehead State campus and routine community blood drives in Morehead with St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Kroger, Walmart and others. KBC is the exclusive provider of blood and blood products to more than 70 Kentucky area hospitals, including St. Claire.

Those 18 and older who registered to give blood with Kentucky Blood Center May 31 through September 6 were automatically entered into the drawing. More than 24,000 blood donors registered to donate during that period and were eligible.

To find out more about KBC, visit kybloodcenter.org or call **800.775-2522**.

About Kentucky Blood Center

Celebrating more than 50 years of saving lives in Kentucky, KBC is the largest independent, full-service, nonprofit blood center in Kentucky. Licensed by the FDA, KBC’s sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky. KBC provides services in 90 Kentucky counties and has donor centers in Lexington, Louisville, Pikeville and Somerset.