

**WOW! Look what you accomplished**  
**You awarded these 26 students \$422,100 in scholarships**



Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the Indian River County community, Scholarship Foundation awarded \$422,100 in new need-based financial aid on May 12, 2020 at its 55th Annual Awards Ceremony. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was held via Zoom webinar. Twenty six local students, including three recipients already in college and four high school seniors who are receiving their AA degrees from IRSC, will receive 61 scholarships to study at 15 colleges and universities in five states.

**Richardson Awards Honor Brightest and Best**

The presentation of the Richardson Scholar Awards is a highlight of each year's Awards Ceremony. Applicants for these awards, SFIRC's most prestigious and competitive scholarships, must demonstrate the highest levels of achievement in academics, service and leadership. Ten talented applicants competed for this year's awards. Nancy Richardson Luther and her daughter Kristin Luther Lockwood presented the awards to this year's recipients:



**SRHS's Hannah Flood** who will attend Nova Southeastern University where she will study nursing.



**St Edward's Clara Martin** who will attend Wesleyan University where she will study English literature, computer science and film.

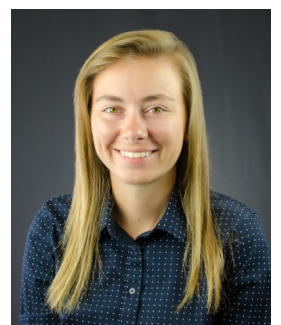


**VBHS's Griffin Wagner** who will attend Georgia Tech where he will study computer science.

Diverse in their interests, these scholars share a passion for making the world a better place. The Richardson Awards were established more than 30 years ago by Nancy's family. Her father Dan Richardson was a founder SFIRC in 1965. The family began offering the Richardson awards in 1985 to "seek out and nurture potential decision makers who will have a future impact on our country and the world." Since then, more than 100 graduating Indian River County students have been honored as Richardson Scholars. In her address to the students, Nancy said, "I wish for you all to have a successful and happy life and to be kind to one another."

**Scholarships Change Lives – Kimberley Toperzer**

Kimberley, a SRHS student, was a 2016 recipient of the Grand Harbor Community Outreach and the Lois Cruze Memorial scholarships. At the time she needed an additional \$15,000 if she was to achieve her dream of going to college. She was a successful high achiever who selflessly gave her time to others. Her family was concerned because they did not have sufficient funds to help. Your donations made the difference! She graduated last year from the Florida Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and applied mathematics and is now employed by Lockheed Martin. She's also now working on her master's degree in mechanical engineering! Her dream became a reality because of YOU. Addressing this year's recipient's, she urged them to be persistent but patient in finding their passion in life and to explore all opportunities available to them. She says: "I'm very grateful for the financial assistance I received which made it possible for me to attend FIT, thank you."



## Class of 2020 Awards

### Memorial

**John Avril Memorial Scholarship:** Dylan Dean

**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block:** Jade Blatter, Julia Lamothe

**Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial Scholarship:** Tamika Lazzarre

**Lisa Eckerd Colbourn Memorial:** Holden Campbell, Caitlyn Sturtsman

**Darrell Fennell Memorial Scholarship:** Maria Ramos

**Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial Scholarship:** Aleksandra Taylor

**William L. Marine Memorial Scholarship:** Dylan Graham

**Tyrone McGriff Memorial Scholarship:** Isis Le-Tolbert

**Margaret McReynolds Memorial Scholarship:** Mitchell Senko

**Richard C. Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Rachel Harvey

**Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial:** Rachel Harvey

**Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial Scholarship:** Isis Le-Tolbert

**Scholarship Foundation Legacy Endowment Fund Awards:** Jade Blatter, Hannah Flood, Julia Lamothe, Clara Martin, Nicholas North, Griffin Wagner

**Marjory S. Seinsoth Memorial:** Sydney Crocker, William Sternberg, Caitlyn Sturtsman, Aleksandra Taylor

**Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial Scholarship:** Nicolas Montalvo

**Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award:** Tamika Lazzarre

**Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial Scholarship:** William Sternberg

**Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship:** Madison Smith

### Honorary and Community-Sponsored

**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block:** Nicholas North

**Garden Club of Indian River County Award:**

Sydney Crocker

**Golden Grads Community Award:** Dylan Dean

**Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award:** Juan Olaya-Pineda

**The Herget Foundation Scholarship:** Aaliyah Hernandez

**Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship:** Mitchell Senko

**Johns Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship:** Aleia Carlson, Olivia Harvie

**Litty Family Scholarship Award:** Caitlyn Sturtsman

**John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Scholarship:** Olivia Harvie

**Northern Trust Scholarship:** Dylan Dean

**Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship:** Juan Olaya-Pineda

**Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship:** Tamika Lazzarre

**Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship:** Maria Ramos

**Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship Award:** Rian Butler, Nicolas Montalvo

**Quail Valley Charities Scholarship:** Rachel Harvey, Maria Ramos

**Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship:** Aaliyah Hernandez, William Sternberg

**Richardson Scholar Award:** Hannah Flood, Clara Martin, Griffin Wagner

**David M. Schuble Family Scholarship:** Mitchell Senko

**James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship:** Nicolas Montalvo

**Helen Sarah Steyer Award:** Rian Butler

**Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award:** Sydney Crocker

**Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award:** Dakota Helgeson

**VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship:** Rian Butler

**Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship:** Isis Le-Tolbert

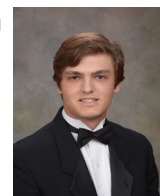
**Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship:** Dylan Graham

**Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship:** Aleksandra Taylor, Dylan Graham

## New Scholarship

The **Lisa Eckerd Colbourn Memorial Scholarship** was awarded for the first time at this year's award's ceremony. It was set up by William and Ann Eckerd in memory of their daughter and the sister of Cheryl Ernst and Patty Eckerd. The **William K. and Ann M. Eckerd Foundation**, a private foundation established in 1989, has been generous with grants to various organizations helping those in need.

This scholarship was awarded to two graduating high school seniors. **Holden Campbell** is a VBHS graduate who will attend the University of South Florida with a major in finance.



**Caitlyn Sturtsman** is an IRCHS graduate who will attend the University of Central Florida with a major in Art Education and Studio Art with a focus on drawing.



### FIVE WAYS YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- #1 **Make a Financial Contribution (cash or stocks)/Matching Gift**
- #2 **Provide Your Insightful Expertise**
- #3 **Host a Fundraiser/ Networking Activity**
- #4 **Stay up-to-date with SFIRC News & Engage in Social Media**
- #5 **Establish Planned Giving/ Legacy Gifts**

### A few words about our 2020 events...



Thank you for your past support for our annual Golf and Football events. With the uncertainties surrounding the safety of large gatherings due to COVID-19, our Board has decided to put these events on hold for this year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall of 2021.

## THANK YOU!

**YOUR DONATIONS** once again turned **frowns into smiles** for local high school students and their families who faced doubt about how they would be able to manage the staggering cost of college. SFIRC and the students of Indian River County thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **Our community is better because of you.**

### In their own words...

"I will never forget about your help and hope in the future I can help a student go to college as well."

"Without your invaluable support, none of these life enriching opportunities would be possible."

"I again want to express to you how thankful I am...it has not only helped me out tremendously, but has also helped my family. This scholarship has significantly reduced the amount of student debt I will have coming out of college."

"I am incredibly thankful to SFIRC and all the donors for giving me the opportunity to realize where my passion lies."

"I'm so happy that I was able to be the first to attend college in my family and thanks to you I paved the road for my little siblings to follow."



Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$12.9MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,994 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.

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