

Scholarship Foundation Awards \$536,100 to Class of 2014

Summer 2014



Class of 2014 gathers at the Richardson Center before the 49th Annual Awards Ceremony

Scholarship Foundation awarded 94 college scholarships to 53 local students at its 49th Annual Awards Ceremony, held at IRSC's Richardson Center on May 22, 2014. This year's recipients will receive \$536,100 in need-based financial aid to attend 16 colleges and universities in six states.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. Darryl Lovett, a 2000 graduate of VBHS and a recipient of the Fischman Family Scholarship, gave the alumnus address. Lovett, who went on to receive a B.S. and M.S. in recreation management from Florida State, advised recipients to embrace their support systems as they venture ahead, and "when you've reached the place where you can, remember to give back."

This year's scholarship packages range from \$2,000 to \$20,000 for the most prestigious Richardson and Jaffe awards. These highly competitive awards went to:

Richardson Scholar Awards: Vero Beach High School seniors Jacob Hultman and Jeffrey Lamothe, both of whom will attend the University of Florida next fall. Jacob plans to dual major in physics and economics, and Jeffrey will study chemical engineering.

Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Scholarships: Sebastian High School's Brianna Graff, who will attend Boston University majoring in health sciences and Courtney Henf, who will attend the University of Florida majoring in bio-medical engineering; and St. Edward's Gabriela Ordonez, who will attend Duke University, also majoring in bio-medical engineering.



Top: Richardson Scholars with Nancy Richardson Luther; Bottom: Jaffe Scholars with Jaffe family members

A Letter from our President

Dear friends and supporters,



It has been another successful year at Scholarship Foundation, thanks to the generous support of the individuals and businesses in our community. We had a busy year, which included a name change following disaffiliation from our parent organization and culminated in awarding a record amount of scholarship money at the 2014 Awards Ceremony--\$536,100. Each year we are humbled by the donations we receive from our donors who believe in education and wish to aid the future generations of Indian River County. We thank you for your continued generosity.

With the support of this community, since 1965 we have awarded over \$9 million to local college-bound students. As we look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary, we realize that our dramatically changing world creates serious challenges for students who have dreams of attending college. With increasing tuition costs and shrinking public aid, our students face nearly insurmountable financial burdens. We urge you to get involved in our organization. Join us and see the impact your dollars have on local students. Thanks you again for your support this past year and for your continued involvement in the future.

Sincerely,
Joan Cook

Six New Scholarships

This year's recipients were beneficiaries of six new awards created by supporters passionate about education.

The **Robert C. Rathbone and August Dykstra Memorial Scholarship** was created by Juliet Dykstra in memory of her grandfather and her husband, both of whom believed in the importance of a college education. Juliet says, "I was fortunate that my grandfather set funds aside so I would be able to go to college. That is why I am proud and grateful I have the opportunity to do for others what my beloved grandfather did for me."



Juliet Dykstra with her son Carter Wilson and Dykstra award recipient Logan Smith

The **Mary Ellen Strawser Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of former Scholarship Foundation Board Member and visionary of the Orchid Island Outreach and Employee Scholarships we award each year thanks to the endowment fund Orchid established with us. Mary Ellen's family and friends funded this award to celebrate her memory, her accomplishments and her many, many life-long contributions to education. Mary Ellen passed away last year.



Strawser recipient Griselda Ruan with Mary Ellen's husband Bob Strawser

The **Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of Tommy and Simonetta Steyer's son, Andrzej, who tragically passed away

Class of 2014 Awards

Memorial

Ruth E. Anderson Memorial: Natalia Deibe, Chris Moutsos, Joshua Pearsaul
John Avril Memorial: Spencer Woodward
Indian River Blood Bank in Memory of Marian L. Block: Kylie McCarty, Kara Robinson
Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial: Joseph Moltz
Robert C. Rathbone and August Dykstra Memorial: Logan Smith
Darrell Fennell Memorial: Christopher Mahon
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial: McKenna Bachmann
Frank Richardson Memorial: Desiree D'Amico
Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial: Natalia Deibe
J. Blaine Howard Memorial: Hannah Hughes
William L. Marine Memorial: Jake Sonzogni
Tyrone McGriff Memorial: Wesley Campbell
Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial: Nicole Clark
Margaret McReynolds Memorial: Eric Debus
James Perry Memorial: Haley Wilcox
Richard C. Moore Memorial: Chris Moutsos
Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial: Kasia Wake
Jay Sibson Memorial: Abby Brown, Sarafina Musto
Mary Hope Smathers Memorial: Renata Sirbiladze, Alaina Vanderhoof
Barbara L. Stevens Memorial: Devon Rymer
Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial: Taylor Gray
Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Memorial: Carolyn Dang
Mary Ellen Strawser Memorial: Griselda Ruan
Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker Memorial: Mirage Patel, Mason Smith
Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Memorial: Edmond Charette, Samantha Simpson
Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial: Eric Debus
William S. Youngman Scholarship: Abby Brown, Edmond Charette, Claudia Conger, Laura Conger, Samuel Miller, Kara Robinson

Community-Sponsored

Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block: Laura Conger
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Fischman Family: Mona Charlemond
Grand Harbor Community Outreach: Nicolette Duong
Herget Foundation: Desiree D'Amico, Carmela Hinton
Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation: Brianna Graff, Courtney Henf, Gabriela Ordonez
John R. and Ann H. MacLean Nursing: Alyssa Green
Northern Trust: Christopher Mahon
Orchid Island Opportunity: Nicolas Ramirez
Orchid Island Outreach: Lexis Choi, Richard Marini, Kylie McCarty, Samuel Miller
Quail Valley Charities: McKenna Bachmann, Joseph Moltz, Sarafina Musto, Joshua Pearsaul
Realtors Association of IRC: Richard Marini, Haley Wilcox
Richardson Scholar Award: Jacob Hultman, Jeffrey Lamothe
Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Founders: Stephanie Cyril
David M. Schuble Family: Amanda Brooksmith, Stephanie Cyril, Courtney Gormley, Colton Warren, Spencer Woodward
Scholarship Foundation: Olivia Blakeman, Amanda Brooksmith, Nicole Clark, Claudia Conger, Carolyn Dang, Nicolette Duong, Courtney Gormley, Alyssa Green, Carmela Hinton, Hannah Hughes, Renata Sirbiladze, Mason Smith, Alaina Vanderhoof, Lauren Varenkamp, Kasia Wake, Colton Warren, Melina Zohn
Helen Sarah Steyer Award: Olivia Blakeman
Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award: Melina Zohn
Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award: Lauren Varenkamp
VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship: Devon Rymer
VBHS Class of 1963: Jake Sonzogni
Wabasso Women's Club: Mona Charlemond
Wells Fargo Opportunity: Wesley Campbell
Archie S. Wingfield: Nathan Duerr, Samantha Simpson

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SAVE THE DATES

Support Indian River County college-bound students



Friday, August 29, 2014
VBHS Citrus Bowl

VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm

Watch the big game from our tent



Saturday, October 18, 2014
Grand Harbor Golf Club

Shot-gun start at 8:30 am
Lunch, prizes, goodies and more

New Named Scholarships

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in 2013. This award joins 4 others that Tommy and Simonetta, along with Tommy's sister Helen Steyer, established beginning in 2004.



Simonetta and Tommy Steyer with recipients of the five 2014 Steyer awards

The **Barbara L. Stevens Memorial Scholarship** results from a bequest by a woman who wanted to support education long after her passing. We are grateful to donors like Barbara who have the vision to make a lasting difference in the lives of future generations.

The **William S. Youngman Scholarship** fund was created through a bequest from Hilde Babin. A Scholarship Foundation donor for 10 years, Hilde was a

philanthropist committed to education. Growing up under meager circumstances in Germany, Hilde vowed early on that she would become successful, make a difference and help others. She fulfilled these goals as a fashion model, business woman and philanthropist. Hilde left a legacy endowment to Scholarship Foundation in the name of her beloved William Youngman

The VanDeVoorde family established the **VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship** in honor of Karen: wife, mother, Indian River County

educator and long-time Scholarship Foundation Board Member.

This endowed award will be made in perpetuity to recognize Karen's past and continuing contributions to educating local students.



Karen VanDeVoorde (l), her husband Rene and her daughter Cynthia Hall with award recipient Devon Rymer

Recipients say thanks...

"I am extremely honored to have been chosen. I guarantee you will not regret having selected me. I will continue to work hard and try my very best to succeed. I know you truly believe in me and I cannot thank you enough for this great opportunity."

2014 Recipient

"I can not express the gratitude for all that you have done for our son. We never thought that we would be in need of the support that your organization has provided. You have gone above and beyond anything we could have ever hoped for."

Parent of 2014 Recipient

Scholarships change lives. We thank all of this year's donors and encourage everyone to help us support the college dreams of the hardworking, deserving students we serve. They need you! Please call Executive Director Camilla Wainright at 772-569-9869 to talk about how you can help.



2014 Awards Night Recipients, parents, sponsors, and friends celebrate after the ceremony

"This is my favorite night...the heart-felt words of award sponsors and the beaming faces of students and parents as they open award envelopes. It is deeply gratifying to help make college possible for these hardworking kids and families."

Scholarship Foundation Donor



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$9.1MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,718 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.