

Scholarship Foundation Awards \$575,000 to Class of 2015

Summer 2015



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Class of 2015 at the Vero Beach HS Performing Arts Center before the 50th Annual Awards Ceremony

Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County awarded 90 college scholarships to 42 local students at its 50th Annual Awards Ceremony, held at VBHS's Performing Arts Center on May 26, 2015. This year's recipients will receive \$575,000 in need-based financial aid to attend 24 colleges and universities in ten states and Canada. The awards are made possible thanks to annual gifts, grants, sponsorships or bequests from Indian River County residents, organizations and businesses.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. Kevin Brennan, a 2000 graduate of SRHS and a recipient of the Richardson Scholar Award, gave the alumnus address. Brennan, who went on to receive a B.A. from Florida State and a dual J.D./M.B.A. from Stetson College of Law urged recipients to believe in themselves and be grateful to those who believe in and support them.

This year's scholarship packages, which are based on need and an assessment of how well recipients have prepared themselves to succeed in college, range from \$2,000 to \$30,000, with the largest awards available to the winners of the prestigious Richardson and Jaffe awards. These highly competitive awards went to:

Richardson Scholar Awards: IRCHS senior Marissa LoPresti, VBHS senior Mackenzie O'Connell and St. Eds senior Daniella Pulido. Marissa and Mackenzie will attend UF, majoring in biology and pre-pharmacy respectively. Daniella will go to Wake Forest University, where she will major in political science.

Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Scholarships: IRCHS's Avery Hyle, who will attend UF majoring in computer engineering and St. Edward's senior Ian Leveton, who will attend Hamilton University, 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,

What an emotional and exciting year! As we celebrate 50 years of assisting local students we also acknowledge the passing of our founder, Dan K. Richardson. I believe that all Board members would agree that it is a privilege to carry on his legacy, and I hope he would be pleased with our commitment to our mission. This year we produced a video showcasing our first 50 years, hosted a new event featuring Dr. Ben Carson, and presented a total of 90 scholarships to 42 deserving students totaling \$575,000! Thank you for your continued support. We are honored and humbled that you choose to support SFIRC.



Sincerely,
Joan Cook

Nine New Scholarships

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

The **James "Stewart" Carlton Memorial Scholarship** honors the memory of Stewart Carlton, a longtime, dedicated educator and school administrator who died last year.

Starting out as a physical education teacher and varsity sports coach, Mr. Carlton served as a middle school and junior high school principal. With his calm manner and generous spirit, he inspired both teachers and administrators. This award is funded by Stewart's wife, Joyce, their children and memorial contributions from the community.



Carlton's son Steve congratulates Scholarship Recipient Michael Gallagher

The **Lois H. Cruze Memorial Scholarship** was established this year as a perpetual award with a bequest from her estate. Lois was a longtime Vero Beach resident who had a passion for flowers, birds and dogs, as well as education.

The **Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship** and the **Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship for Students of the Arts** result from a bequest from Mrs. Jorgensen, a longtime resident of Sebastian who died in 2014. Originally from Connecticut, the Jorgensens retired to Sebastian many years ago. Over a cup of tea or gentle conversation, Mrs. Jorgensen enjoyed discussing the arts and was especially fond of SRHS's Prism Concert. Preserving the arts and investing in students wishing to pursue an education in the arts became her passion.

The **Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial Scholarship** was awarded in memory of an outstanding philanthropic couple, our founder and his wife Marge. Mr. Richardson, who died in 2014 at the age of 95, was a longtime Indian River County resident, leader and philanthropist who played active roles in the founding of many Vero Beach institutions. With members

Class of 2015 Awards

Memorial

Ruth E. Anderson Memorial: Christopher Dixon, Genevieve Dixon
John Avril Memorial: Kaleb Post
Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block: Ian Debus, Miguel Raya
James "Stewart" Carlton Memorial: Michael Gallagher
Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial: Collin O'Rourke
Lois H. Cruze Memorial: Juliana Young
Robert C. Rathbone and August Dykstra Memorial: Anna Ahrens
Darrell Fennell Memorial: Ian Debus
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial: Madison Stahler
Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial: Allison Brown
Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship: Javan Crosdale
J. Blaine Howard Memorial: Megan Bell
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial: Collin O'Rourke
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial for Students of the Arts: Ali Simpson
William L. Marine Memorial: Christopher Dixon
Tyrone McGriff Memorial: Marissa Rollins
Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial: Alexandra Paulisin
Margaret McReynolds Memorial: Christina Vivona
Richard C. Moore Memorial: Peter Newman
James Perry Memorial: Zachary Weinstein
Frank Richardson Memorial: Matthew Utter
Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial: Juan Cantor
Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial: Richard Hennessey
Jay Sibson Memorial: Matthew Utter
Mary Hope Smathers Memorial: Caitlyn Mohr
Barbara L. Stevens Memorial: Megan Bell
Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial: Olivia Pizzo
Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award: Halimah Wynn
Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial: Benjamin Coleman
Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker: Allison Brown, Archie Rea
Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial: Samantha Bowman
William S. Youngman Scholarship Award: Ian Debus, Benjamin DeMars, Avery Hyle, Ian Leveton, Marissa LoPresti, Kayla MacPhee, Mackenzie O'Connell, Collin O'Rourke, Daniella Pulido

Community-Sponsored

Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block: Jake Corvino, Christina Vivona
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Fischman Family Scholarship: Javan Crosdale
Grand Harbor Community Outreach Scholarship: Halimah Wynn
Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award: Kayla MacPhee
The Herget Foundation Scholarship: Benjamin Coleman
Indian River Symphonic Association Scholarship: Samantha Bowman
Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Scholarship: Avery Hyle, Ian Leveton
Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship: Miguel Raya
John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship: Madison Stahler
Northern Trust Scholarship: Kaleb Post
Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship: Yamilet Cendejas
Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship: Juan Cantor, James Chorma, Apolonija Morabito
Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship: Ali Simpson
Quail Valley Charities Scholarship: Benjamin DeMars, Richard Hennessey, Caitlyn Mohr
Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship: Alexandra Paulisin, Kathryn Sherman
Richardson Scholar Award: Marissa LoPresti, Mackenzie O'Connell, Daniella Pulido
Rotary Clubs of IRC Scholarship: Zachary Weinstein
David M. Schuble Family Scholarship: James Chorma
Scholarship Foundation Award: Megan Bell, Christopher Dixon, Caitlyn Mohr, Peter Newman, Alexandra Paulisin, Kaleb Post, Archie Rea, Kathryn Sherman, Madison Stahler, Christina Vivona, Halimah Wynn
Helen Sarah Steyer Award: Genevieve Dixon
Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award: Peter Newman
Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award: Kathryn Sherman
VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship: Anna Ahrens
Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship: Juliana Young
Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship: Olivia Pizzo
Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship: Robert Brown, Jack Stevens
Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship: Archie Rea

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SAVE THE DATES
Support Indian River County
college-bound students



Saturday, October 17, 2015
Grand Harbor Golf Club
Shot-gun start at 8:30 am
Lunch, prizes, goodies and more



Friday, November 6, 2015
SRHS Shark Stadium
VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm
Watch the big game from our tent

New Named Scholarships continued from front

of the Vero Beach Rotary Club, he founded Dollars for Scholars in 1964. Always at his side was his wife Marge, who died in 2008 at age 87. An unassuming and private person, Marge was a great source of comfort, warmth, and unconditional love to those close to her. This award is funded by memorial contributions from members of the community and the Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors.



Sam Block and Nancy Luther present Richardson Memorial to SRHS's Juan Cantor

to education. Their father, O.D. "Bud" Honeywell, believed education was the single best way for a child to succeed, regardless of means or background.

The **Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship** was funded by the Foundation with proceeds from country music superstar Jake Owen's 2014 Vero Beach Benefit Concert. Jake, a 2000 graduate of VBHS, is passionate about giving back and helping local organizations that support young people and children.



Jake Owen's parents Steve and Mitzi Owen present the Owen award to SRHS's Miguel Raya

The **Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial Scholarship** was awarded this year in memory of longtime Scholarship Foundation Board Member Karen VanDeVoorde, who died in 2014. It honors Karen's contributions to educating local students and the wise counsel she offered to Scholarship Foundation and our scholarship applicants and their families.

The **Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship** was established this year as a perpetual award by Carol Fennell and her brother Dan Honeywell to honor their family's commitment

The **Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf-Sponsor Scholarship Award** is funded with proceeds from the SFIRC's 2014 golf tournament. The Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation has been the main sponsor for Scholarship Foundation's Dan K. Richardson and William L. Marine Annual Golf Tournament for the past 4 years.

A recipients says thanks...

"First and foremost, I want to sincerely thank you for the very generous Richardson Scholar Award I received in 2000, which helped me tremendously throughout my college career. I was able to take a reasonable course load and attend class and focus on my studies and extracurricular activities without experiencing the stress and financial struggles associated with living on my own without support. This would not have been possible without the care and generosity of Dollars for Scholars. Having graduated magna cum laude from Florida State in 2004 and Stetson University College of Law in 2007 with a law and business administration degree, I now practice law in St. Petersburg, FL. I am very blessed to be where I am today and feel giving back is important. Thank you again to those involved in the Scholarship Foundation and the donors who make it all possible."

Kevin Brennan, Class of 2000

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



50th Annual Awards Night Reception



"Gifted Hands" - An Evening with Dr. Ben Carson

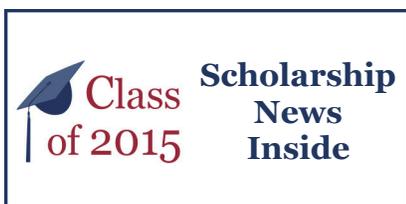
Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and supporters, SFIRC raised more than \$100,000 at this event held on April 2, 2015 at St. Edward's Waxlax Center. Following a cocktail reception prominent pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson addressed an enthusiastic, near-capacity audience that included more than 70 young people from local organizations.



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$9.7MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,760 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.