

Scholarship Foundation Awards \$695,000 to Class of 2016

Summer 2016



Class of 2016 gathers at St. Edward's Waxlax Center before the 51st Annual Awards Ceremony

Scholarship Foundation awarded 99 college scholarships to 52 local students at its 51st Annual Awards Ceremony, held at the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at St. Edward's School on May 19, 2016. This year's recipients will receive \$695,000 in need-based financial aid over the next two, three or four years to attend 24 colleges and universities in nine states.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. Ben Earman, a 2006 recipient of Scholarship Foundation's Orchid Outreach Scholarship, gave the alumnus address. Ben, who graduated in 2006 from IRCHS and IRCC with his AA degree, went on to receive a B.A. from the University of Tampa. He urged recipients to never give up on what they've set out to do. Quoting Audrey Hepburn, he reminded the audience that "Nothing is impossible. The word itself says *I'm possible.*"

This year's scholarship packages ranged from \$2,000 to \$30,000 for the most prestigious Richardson and Jaffe awards. These highly competitive awards went to:

Richardson Scholar Awards: IRCHS senior Jennifer Asselin, who will attend Clemson University with a major in Civil Engineering and St. Edward's senior Karissa Mokoban, who will attend Boston College with a major in International Studies.

Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Awards: IRCHS senior Yevgeniya Gilmore, who will attend the University of Southern California with a major in International Relations and VBHS senior Barrett Jellie, who will attend the University of Miami with a major in Media Management and Political Science.



Top: Jennifer Asselin and Karissa Mokoban; Bottom: Barrett Jellie and Yevgeniya Gilmore

A Letter from our President

Dear friends and supporters,
What an exciting year!
Scholarship Foundation continues to impact the lives of Indian River families, thanks to you, our generous supporters.



At our 2016 Awards Ceremony, we presented 99 scholarships, totaling \$695,000, to 52 deserving students. Since 1965 we have awarded 2,812 students a total of \$10.4 million. (We have excitedly awaited breaking the \$10 million mark!). This year's events were well-attended. Especially popular was the Coach Lou Holtz presentation in March, which entertained and inspired the audience.

We are honored and humbled that you choose to support SFIRC. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan Cook

Four New Scholarships

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

Garden Club of Indian River County Scholarship. This new community-based scholarship was created to promote awareness of the environment, especially horticultural and agricultural studies. Club members presented the award to Aurora Arrington, who will be attending Seton Hall University with a major in Biology.



Garden Club representatives Linda Beardslee and Renae Senn with recipient Aurora Arrington

John's Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship. This year JICSL partnered with Scholarship Foundation to administer their Employee Scholarship program. Children of JI employees, including HS seniors and those already in college, are eligible to apply through Scholarship Foundation for this award, which is funded by JI residents who value education. The recipient was Kristine Aguirre, a graduate of IRCHS and IRSC who is currently attending the University of Florida with a major in Biology and Pre-Health.



JICSL's Emilie Hinman, left, and Pat Thompson, far right, with recipient Kristine Aguirre and her mother

Jay and Linda Knoll Scholarship. Jay and Linda Knoll are local philanthropists who believe in supporting education and wished to support an Indian River County student. We are grateful for their commitment and generosity. Athena Nolan, who will attend the University of Florida with a major in Political Science, was the recipient of this award.



Knoll recipient Athena Nolan with SFIRC Board Member Troy Hafner

Class of 2016 Awards

Memorial

Ruth E. Anderson Memorial: Karina Barbesino, Makaela Tippins
John Avril Memorial: Ben Santangelo
Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block: Marcello Duong
Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial: Grant Price
Lois H. Cruze Memorial: Kimberley Toperzer
Robert C. Rathbone and August Dykstra Memorial: Karina Barbesino
Darrell Fennell Memorial: James Pizzo
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial: Omar Raya
Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial: Cole Lipkin
Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship: Julia Dingee
J. Blaine Howard Memorial: Michelle Ruggiano
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial: Eric Bush
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial for Students of the Arts: Haley Shields
William L. Marine Memorial: Patrick Zatz
Tyrone McGriff Memorial: Christina Norman
Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial: Melanie Funka
Margaret McReynolds Memorial: Johnathan Page
Richard C. Moore Memorial: Kendall Peterson
James Perry Memorial: Emily Peterson
Frank Richardson Memorial: Ana Scott
Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial: Emily Miller
Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial: Julia Dingee
Jay Sibson Memorial: Hannah Sutter
Mary Hope Smathers Memorial: Benjamin Santangelo
Barbara L. Stevens Memorial: Abigail Threlkeld
Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial: Briana Giovannone
Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award: Michelle Ruggiano
Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial: Emily Peterson
Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker: Kevin Barbesino, Shannon Fies
Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial: Aurora Arrington
William S. Youngman Award: Marland Micket

Community-Sponsored

Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block: Mykhanh Nguyen-Tran
Garden Club of Ind. River County: Aurora Arrington
Grand Harbor Community Outreach Scholarship: Kimberley Toperzer

Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award: Theo Willson
The Herget Foundation Scholarship: Morgan Adams
Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Scholarship: Barrett Jellie, Yevgeniya Gilmore
Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship: Amanda Gard
John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship: Dan Hamada
John's Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship: Kristine Aguirre
Jay and Linda Knoll Scholarship: Athena Nolan
Northern Trust Scholarship: Eric Zwemer
Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship: Paula Manrique
Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship: Melvin Baker, Erin Cady
Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship: Kaela Miller
Quail Valley Charities Scholarship: Alyssa Motta, Omar Raya, Rebecca Vollmann
Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship: Caraline Intoccia, Paris Welker-Widell
Richardson Scholar Award: Jennifer Asselin, Karissa Mokoban
Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Founders' Scholarship: Rachel Tatro
Scholarship Foundation Community-Sponsored Award: Morgan Adams, Melvin Baker, Eric Bush, Erin Cady, Marcello Duong, Shannon Fies, Amanda Gard, Dan Hamada, Caraline Intoccia, Jordan Kimball, Cole Lipkin, Paula Manrique, Marland Micket, Emily Miller, Kaela Miller, Alyssa Motta, Mykhanh Nguyen-Tran, Athena Nolan, Christina Norman, Johnathan Page, Kendall Peterson, James Pizzo, Grant Price, Benjamin Santangelo, Ana Scott, Hannah Sutter, Rachel Tatro, Kimberley Toperzer, Hayden Vasquez, Rebecca Vollmann, Paris Welker-Widell, Theo Willson, Patrick Zatz, Eric Zwemer
James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship: Jordan Kimball
Helen Sarah Steyer Award: Ana Scott
Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award: Abigail Threlkeld
Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award: Shannon Fies
VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship: Melanie Funka
Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship: Makaela Tippins
Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship: Kevin Barbesino
Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship: Erin Mays
Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship: Hayden Vasquez

SAVE THE DATES
Support Indian River County
college-bound students



Saturday, October 22, 2016
Grand Harbor Golf Club
Shot-gun start at 8:30 am
Lunch, prizes, goodies and more



Friday, November 4, 2016
VBHS Citrus Bowl
VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm
Watch the big game from our tent!

New Scholarships (continued from front)

James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship. No strangers to our community, Jim and Jane Schwiering moved to Vero Beach in 1972 where they raised their family and established themselves as successful business people with an ongoing desire to "give back." Their son Jonathan has been a member of the SFIRC Board of Directors since 2012. Believing in the value of a college education, they established a scholarship this year to reduce the financial burden on a deserving college-bound student.



Recipient Jordan Kimball with (from left) Jonathan, Sayre and Jordan Schwiering

"Winning Every Day" Raises Funds for Scholarships

On March 11th, SFIRC hosted an evening with Coach Lou Holtz to raise funds for scholarships. Following a cocktail reception, Coach Holtz addressed an enthusiastic audience which included generous sponsors and young people from local organizations. The coach shared poignant stories, humorous anecdotes from his coaching career as well as advice that made his teams so successful: "There is never a right time to do the wrong thing or a wrong time to do the right thing."



Recipient says thanks...

"I want to thank you for the award that was given to me during the amazing ceremony. I never thought I would be able to go away to school for my first two years because the price of college keeps rising and my parents' bills continue to come. My parents always told me that hard work pays off, but this year has been the most stressful because of my grandmother's passing. I almost started to believe that the saying wasn't true. But I know now that it is most definitely true. This foundation has changed my outlook and my attitude towards future obstacles. Anything is possible if you put the time in and do your best. Hopefully one day I will be able to present an award at the award ceremony. I want to be able to give back to my community because my community has been gracious enough to help me become who I want to be. Thank you so much."

Rachel Tatro -Class of 2016

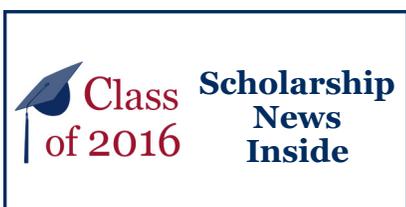
Scholarships change lives. We thank all of this year's donors and encourage everyone to help us support the college dreams of the hardworking, deserving students we serve. They need you! Please call Executive Director Camilla Wainright at 772-569-9869 to talk about how you can help.



51st Annual Awards Night



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$10.4MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,812 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.