

## Scholarship Foundation Awards \$738,500 to Class of 2017

Summer 2017



Class of 2017 gathers at Vero Beach High School before the 52nd Annual Awards Ceremony

Scholarship Foundation awarded 105 college scholarships to 53 local students at its 52nd Annual Awards Ceremony, held at the Vero Beach High School's Performing Arts Center on May 17, 2017. This year's recipients will receive \$738,500 in need-based financial aid over the next four years to attend 20 colleges and universities in nine states.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. Lindsay Nolan, a 2013 recipient of Scholarship Foundation's Herget Foundation Scholarship, gave the alumnus address. Lindsay, who graduated in 2013 from VBHS, has just received her B.S. from the University of South Florida majoring in biomedical sciences. First in her family to graduate from college, she did so debt-free, thanks to her scholarship and her work. She urged recipients to "take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone."

This year's scholarship packages ranged from \$4,000 to \$30,000 for the most prestigious Richardson and Jaffe awards. These highly competitive awards went to:

**Richardson Scholar Awards:** St. Edward's senior Zach Alerte, who will attend Harvard University with a major in chemistry and history and Sebastian River senior Brittany Evans, who will attend UF, with a major in chemistry.

**Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Awards:** St. Edward's senior Michael Burke, who will attend Georgia Tech with a major in computer science and Sebastian River senior Martha Grudens, who will attend UCF with a major in mechanical engineering.



Top to bottom: Richardson Scholars Brittany Evans and Zachary Alerte; Jaffe Scholars Martha Grudens and Michael Burke

## A Letter from our President

Dear friends and supporters,  
The 2016-2017 year was again noteworthy in that we awarded 105 scholarships to 53 students for a total of \$738,500! Our totals since 1965 are 2,865 students and over \$11.1 million in awards.



I am grateful for the foresight of our founders to establish a scholarship foundation to assist local students, the generosity of our community to support our organization, the commitment of the Board to grow and expand our impact, and the opportunity to meet so many impressive young people. Our applicants have the credentials and desire to attend college. Awarding scholarships to help them realize their dreams is a great joy. 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.

### Sengupta Family Scholarship.

The Sengupta children Neil and Sreya were Scholarship Foundation recipients in 2000 and 2006. Now successful professionals, the children along with their parents wanted to "give back" by setting up this family scholarship. Parents Uptal and Monty presented the award to VBHS senior Sierra Corby who will study music at Florida State University.



Uptal and Monty Sengupta present the Sengupta Family award to Sierra Corby

### Golden Grads Community Award.

This scholarship was established for the Class of 2017 with proceeds from the VBHS Golden Grads annual picnic. VBHS Golden Grads are a group of VBHS graduates who graduated more than 50 years ago. VBHS's Maxwell Ern, who will attend Auburn, received this inaugural award. The Grads hope to continue their annual event, each year adding a new class as they reach the 50 year milestone.



Maxwell Ern received the Golden Grads Award

### Frances McIntosh Davies Memorial.

This award was funded by gifts from friends and family to Scholarship Foundation in memory of Frances McIntosh Davies who died last year at the age of 97. SFIRC Board member Gaye Ludwig, Frances' daughter, presented the award to VBHS's Coral Morrow, who will study psychology at the University of North Carolina. Presenting the award, Gaye noted that her mother, who was not encouraged to go to college, would be pleased to think that gifts made it possible to help a student realize her college dreams.



Coral Morrow received the Frances McIntosh Davies award from Gaye Ludwig

## Class of 2017 Awards

### Memorial

**Ruth E. Anderson Memorial:** Shane Mathew, Noah Rieck, Evan Weinstein  
**John Avril Memorial:** Maxwell Ern  
**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block:** Grace Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson  
**Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial:** Noah Rieck  
**Lois H. Cruze Memorial:** Pedro Tellez  
**Frances McIntosh Davies Memorial:** Coral Morrow  
**Robert C. Rathbone and August Dykstra Memorial:** Valerie Burke  
**Darrell Fennell Memorial:** Nathan D'Ambrosia  
**Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial:** Robert Ulrich  
**Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial:** Molly Cartwright  
**Emily Gibbons Memorial:** Giovanna Mompremier  
**J. Blaine Howard Memorial:** Nikki MacPhee  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial:** Caroline Martin  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial for Students of the Arts:** Belton Morgan  
**William L. Marine Memorial:** Brian Kutner  
**Tyrone McGriff Memorial:** Grace Harris  
**Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial:** Elizabeth Tuite  
**Margaret McReynolds Memorial:** Elizabeth Tuite  
**Richard C. Moore Memorial:** Kiara Moscrip  
**James Perry Memorial:** Connor Ryan  
**Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial:** Belton Morgan  
**Frank Richardson Memorial:** Ariana Tucker  
**Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial:** Razia Khan  
**Jay Sibson Memorial:** Roberto Gamez  
**Mary Hope Smathers Memorial:** Kiara Moscrip  
**Barbara L. Stevens Memorial:** Isabella Campione  
**Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial:** Victoria Bradford  
**Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award:** Roberto Gamez  
**Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial:** Shannon Jessup  
**Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker:** Lindsey Council, Nathan D'Ambrosia  
**Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship:** Gregory Stevens  
**Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial:** Victoria Bradford  
**William S. Youngman Award:** Shannon Jessup, Brian Kutner

### Community-Sponsored

**Garden Club of Indian River County:** Lauren Schlitt  
**Golden Grads Community Award:** Maxwell Ern  
**Grand Harbor Community Outreach Scholarship:** Marian Vu  
**Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor**

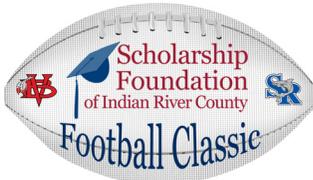
**Scholarship Award:** Molly Cartwright  
**Herget Foundation Scholarship:** Angelina Giustizia, Antonina O'Neill  
**Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship:** Matthew DePino  
**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block:** Samantha Reavis  
**Indian River Symphonic Association Scholarship:** Gregory Stevens  
**Frances and Ronald Jaffe Education Foundation Scholarship:** Michael Burke, Martha Grudens  
**John's Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship:** Narissa Agustin, Eric Rohwedder  
**Nancy and John Luther Scholarship:** Raquel Cameron  
**John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship:** Kaylee Hennessey  
**Northern Trust Scholarship:** Emily In  
**Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship:** Pedro Tellez  
**Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship:** Mary Brooks, Allison Fahey, Ashley Scott  
**Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship:** Shane Mathew  
**Quail Valley Charities Scholarship:** Kevin Bauslaugh, Bianca Beton  
**Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship:** Chloe Schlitt, Lauren Schlitt  
**Richardson Scholar Award:** Zachary Alerte, Brittany Evans  
**Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Founders' Scholarship:** Nikki MacPhee  
**Scholarship Foundation Community-Sponsored Award:** Kevin Bauslaugh, Valerie Burke, Raquel Cameron, Sierra Corby, Matthew DePino, Maxwell Ern, Allison Fahey, Roberto Gamez, Angelina Giustizia, Lillian Greene, Grace Harris, Kaylee Hennessey, Grace Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Razia Khan, Brian Kutner, Nikki MacPhee, Caroline Martin, Gabrielle McFall, Giovanna Mompremier, Coral Morrow, Antonina O'Neill, Connor Ryan, Chloe Schlitt, Lauren Schlitt, Pedro Tellez, Ariana Tucker, Elizabeth Tuite, Marian Vu  
**David Schuble Family Scholarship:** Lillian Greene  
**James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship:** Connor Ryan  
**Sengupta Family Scholarship:** Sierra Corby  
**Helen Sarah Steyer Award:** Isabella Campione  
**Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award:** Lindsey Council  
**Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award:** Evan Weinstein  
**VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship:** Gabrielle McFall  
**Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship:** Ariana Tucker  
**Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship:** Razia Khan  
**Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship:** Robert Ulrich

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
Support Indian River County  
college-bound students



**Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
**Grand Harbor Golf Club**  
**Shot-gun start at 8:30 am**  
**Lunch, prizes, goodies and more**



**Friday, November 3, 2017**  
**SRHS Shark Stadium**  
**VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm**  
**Kickoff at 7:00 pm**  
**Watch the big game from our tent!**

**New Scholarships (continued from front)**

**Emily Gibbons Memorial.** This award was funded with donations in memory of Emily, who passed away at the age of 38 on November 9, 2016. A 1997 Richardson Scholarship recipient, Emily graduated from UF in 2004 with a degree in elementary education. Her mother Patti, herself a former scholarship recipient and SFIRC board member, presented the award to IRCHS Senior Giovanna Mompremier who will attend UF. Patti also presented the Morris "Darby" Gibbons Memorial award in memory of Darby Gibbons, her husband and longtime SFIRC board member who died in 2009.



Patti Gibbons, back right, presented the Emily Gibbons Memorial Award to Giovanna Mompremier, front left

**"An Evening with Douglas Brinkley" Raises Funds for Scholarships**

On March 29th, SFIRC hosted an evening with Historian Douglas Brinkley to raise funds for scholarships. More than 150 guests gathered at Northern Trust as Brinkley spoke on "Culture and Controversy: U.S. Presidential Elections through History." A professor of history at Rice University, CNN presidential historian and author, Brinkley captivated his audience as he breezed through 200 years of presidential history, explaining how some lessons of the past may help us understand where we are today.



**Recipients say thanks...**

*"I am deeply humbled to receive a scholarship. Your generous contribution helped me realize that my educational goals are achievable. My family's current financial situation is difficult. Up until the SFIRC Awards night, I was seriously doubting my ability to meet my educational goals. Your scholarship will help me achieve them. I could not be any more thankful!!"*

IRCHS Graduate —Class of 2017

*"I cannot thank you enough for the contribution you have offered to me. Avoiding student loans has been my number one goal from the start of my college planning, and thanks to you, I will be loan free for my entire first year of college, and possibly my other three years as well. You have placed your support and faith in me, and that is truly a good feeling. I will not disappoint you."*

VBHS Graduate —Class of 2017

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.



**52nd Annual Awards Night**



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$11.1MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,865 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.