

Scholarship Foundation Awards \$699,500 to Class of 2018

Summer 2018



Class of 2018 gathers at Sebastian River High School before the 53rd Annual Awards Ceremony

Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the Indian River County community, Scholarship Foundation awarded \$699,500 in new need-based financial aid at its 53rd Annual Awards Ceremony held at Sebastian River High School's Performing Arts Center on May 16, 2018. Fifty-five local students, including three already in college and nine high school seniors who are receiving their AA degrees from IRSC this year, will receive 112 scholarships to study at 19 colleges and universities in seven states and DC.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. **Kadin Campbell**, a 2013 SRHS graduate and recipient of Scholarship Foundation's Mary Hope Smathers and Marian Block Memorial Scholarships gave the alumnus address. Kadin graduated from UF in three years with a BA in history, earned his Masters in Social Studies Education and is now giving back by teaching 7th grade civics at Oslo Middle School. He credited Scholarship Foundation for helping him overcome the financial barriers that threatened to keep him from achieving these goals. He reminded recipients that although they worked hard to get where they are, they didn't go it alone. "Someone in your life helped put you on the map; a parent, a teacher, a friend. Reflect on the people who helped you set the stage for your lifelong success and give back. Recognizing them with a simple "thank you" is a good start, and capitalizing on the opportunities they helped you create is the perfect finish."

This year's award packages, which depend on each recipient's unmet financial need and the strength of their preparation for college, range from \$3,000 to as much as \$30,000.



Kadin Campbell, 2013 SRHS grad and SFIRC alumnus, addresses this year's recipients at 2018 Awards Ceremony

A Letter from our President

Dear friends and supporters,

Another exciting and successful year is in the books here at Scholarship Foundation! Our annual golf tournament and football classic were well-attended. Especially popular was the Ken Womack Beatles presentation in February, which entertained and informed the audience. Most importantly, SFIRC continues to impact the lives of Indian River families, thanks to you, our generous supporters. As we continue to hear from the recipients of our awards, they "couldn't do it without us." And that means "without YOU!"

This year we awarded \$699,500 and 55 deserving students will join 138 continuing students who will renew their awards from prior years. Since 1965 we have awarded 2,920 students a total of \$11.8 million. We are honored and humbled that you choose to support SFIRC.

Thank you.
Joan Cook, President



Richardson Awards Honor Brightest and Best



2018 Richardson Scholars Sarah Mazza, Cassidy Thimmer, and Jose Torrellas receive awards from Nancy Richardson Luther

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. Among this year's 28 candidates were many well-qualified, talented and deserving students.

Nancy Richardson Luther presented the awards to this year's recipients: **VBHS's Sarah Mazza**, who will attend Boston University with a major in human physiology, **SRHS's Cassidy Thimmer**, who will attend the University of South Florida with a major in architecture and **SRHS's Jose Torrellas**, who will study biomedical science at the University of Central Florida. She notes that each year she is "awestruck" with how capable the students are. "Without a doubt," she said, "it reconfirms my faith in the youth of our country, for they are truly outstanding in their character, their abilities and their accomplishments."

The Richardson Awards were established more than 30 years ago by Nancy's family. Her father Dan Richardson, along with members of the Vero Beach Rotary Club, founded SFIRC in 1965. In setting up the Richardson awards in 1985, the family's aim was to "seek out and nurture potential decision makers who will have a future impact on our country and the world." Made possible with an endowment gift and continued support from the Richardson family, SFIRC is proud to provide these awards each year to the brightest and best of our county's many talented graduating seniors.

Class of 2018 Awards

Memorial

Ruth E. Anderson Memorial: Emerick Gilliams, Savannah Harris, Edward Klinsport, Sunny Lulla
John Avril Memorial: Andrew Bochte
Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block: Zachary Colton, Christopher Sanchez
Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial: Alec Mesh
Lois H. Cruze Memorial: Janae Tomlinson
Darrell Fennell Memorial: Jared Lamothe
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial: Evan Bush
Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial: Allan Ross
J. Blaine Howard Memorial: Karine Dieuvil
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial: Sunny Lulla
Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial for Students of the Arts: Evan Bush
William L. Marine Memorial: Daniel Hiden
Tyrene McGriff Memorial: Lillie Harris
Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial: Lesley Hernandez
Margaret McReynolds Memorial: Deanna Kreinbring
Richard C. Moore Memorial: Brianna Aversa
Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial: Alexis Woods
James Perry Memorial: Karine Dieuvil
Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial: Joshua Tucker
Frank Richardson Memorial: Lillie Harris
Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial: Destiny Patterson, Janae Tomlinson
Jay Sibson Memorial: Alexandria Duffany, Christopher Sanchez
Mary Hope Smathers Memorial: Olivia Hobgood
Barbara L. Stevens Memorial: Amanda Green
Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial: Amanda Green
Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award: Christina Leriche
Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial: Isabel Morby
Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker: Zachary Colton, Olivia White
Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship: Molly Halliday
Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial: Alec Mesh
William S. Youngman Award: Emerick Gilliams, Edward Klinsport

Honorary and Community-Sponsored

Garden Club of Indian River County: Karena Mullin
Grand Harbor Community Outreach Scholarship: Jason Shaver

Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award: Samuel Keiffer
Herget Foundation Scholarship: Mikaly Domond, Olivia White
Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship: Shawn Conboy
Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block: Lindsay Barkett
John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship: Taylor Grunzweig
Northern Trust Scholarship: Romil Patel
Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship: Lucy Heady
Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship: Keyshawna Chambers, Kaylee Coleman
Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship: Alexandrea Glover
Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship: Ashton Bono,
Quail Valley Charities Scholarship: Ian Handler, Savannah Harris, Shania Mathew
Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship: Julia Kirkendall, Alyssa Talbott
Richardson Scholar Award: Sarah Mazza, Cassidy Thimmer, Jose Torrellas
Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Founders' Scholarship: Alexandria Duffany
Scholarship Foundation Community-Sponsored Award: Brianna Aversa, Lindsay Barkett, Andrew Bochte, Ashton Bono, Maccoco Castle, Keyshawna Chambers, Bria Clarke, Shawn Conboy, Alexandria Duffany, Alexandrea Glover, Amanda Green, Taylor Grunzweig, Ian Handler, Savannah Harris, Lucy Heady, Lesley Hernandez, Daniel Hiden, Olivia Hobgood, Samuel Keiffer, Caroline Kirkendall, Julia Kirkendall, Edward Klinsport, Deanna Kreinbring, Jared Lamothe, Christina Leriche, Alec Mesh, Isabel Morby, Karena Mullin, Romil Patel, Allan Ross, Christopher Sanchez, Jacob Shaver, Jason Shaver, Madeline Stromak, John Sutter, Alyssa Talbott, Olivia White
David Schuble Family Scholarship: Lesley Hernandez
James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship: Janae Tomlinson
Sengupta Family Scholarship: John Sutter
Helen Sarah Steyer Award: Caroline Kirkendall
Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award: Karine Dieuvil
Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award: Olivia Hobgood
VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship: Bria Clarke
Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship: Madeline Stromak
Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship: Destiny Patterson
Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship: Maccoco Castle, Jacob Shaver

SAVE THE DATES
Support Indian River County
college-bound students



Saturday, October 20, 2018
Grand Harbor Golf Club
Shot-gun start at 8:30 am
Lunch, prizes, goodies and more



Friday, November 2, 2018
VBHS Citrus Stadium
VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm
Kickoff at 7:00 pm
Watch the big game from our tent!

New Scholarship: Nugent Memorial

Through the generosity of SFIRC Board President Joan Cook, this year's recipients are the beneficiaries of a new award. The **Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of Joan's parents, who raised 5 children and impressed on them the importance of education. In presenting the award to **SRHS Senior Alexis Wood**, Joan noted that her mother didn't have the opportunity to complete high school because she had to go out to work to help her family financially. She always wanted more for her children. Joan's mother passed away last year, and Joan felt it fitting to honor her parents with this award. Her parents, both of whom worked in accounting, would be pleased to know that Alexis will be pursuing a degree in accounting at Stetson University next year.



Joan Nugent Cook with Alexis Woods, the recipient of the new Nugent Memorial Award

"Come Together: Evening with Beatles Expert Ken Womack" Raises Funds for Scholarships

On February 15th, SFIRC hosted a fun-filled evening with writer and Beatles expert Kenneth Womack, author of "Maximum Volume: The Life of Producer George Martin." Outfitted in colorful '60s attire, guests gathered at Quail Valley River Club to enjoy Beatles music, nosh on pub food and hear Womack talk about the impact that Record Producer Martin, often called "the fifth Beatle," had on the group's success. An award-winning author and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Monmouth University, Womack entertained listeners with the story of Martin's unlikely discovery of the Beatles and his painstaking efforts to prepare their newfangled sound for the British music marketplace.



Joan Cook and Ken Womack



SFIRC Board Members suited up to party

Recipient says thanks...

"I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to complete my education at the university of my dreams. As a future educator, I am thankful for our shared love of education and the priceless value we place on learning.

Thanks to your generous support, I am now halfway to my dream of teaching full time. And I couldn't be more excited.

As you have encouraged and supported me, I prepare to do the same for the students that will walk through the doors of my classroom. You have initiated a chain of events that will ultimately affect thousands of lives. So, I thank you. Thank you for the scholarship and this incredible opportunity."

Masters Academy Grad—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! Our goal is to help recipients graduate with little or no debt. Be it through annual giving or an endowed award, you can make a difference. Please call Executive Director Camilla Wainright at 772-569-9869 to talk about how you can help.



53rd Annual Awards Night



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$11.8MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,920 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.