

## Scholarship Foundation Awards \$610,500 to Class of 2019

Summer 2019



Class of 2019 gathers at St. Edward's School before the 54th Annual Awards Ceremony

Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the Indian River County community, Scholarship Foundation awarded \$610,500 in new need-based financial aid at its 54th Annual Awards Ceremony held at St. Edward's School's Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts Center on May 15, 2019. Forty-eight local students, including nine already in college and six high school seniors who are receiving their AA degrees from IRSC this year, will receive 94 scholarships to study at 18 colleges and universities in seven states.

Parents, friends, alumni and donors gathered as scholarship sponsors and board members presented the awards. **Jacob Hultman**, a 2014 VBHS graduate and recipient of Scholarship Foundation's Richardson Scholar Award gave the alumnus address. Jacob graduated last year from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering and is now working the Washington, DC area as a researcher and engineer in artificial intelligence. He urged recipients to be persistent but patient in finding their passion in life, be it in their future careers or in pursuits outside them.



2014 VBHS graduate and Richardson Scholar Jacob Hultman

This year's awards, which depend on each recipient's financial need and the strength of their preparation for college, total from \$3,000 to as much as \$24,000 and are payable over the 1, 2, three or four years recipients have remaining to complete their undergraduate degrees.

## A Letter from our President

Dear friends and supporters,

We've just completed another successful year here at Scholarship Foundation! And thanks to you, we continue to impact positively the lives of Indian River families.



This year we awarded \$610,500 to 48 deserving students who will join 109 prior recipients who will renew their awards. Some of our new recipients will have nearly all of their unmet need covered because of your generosity. Many will be able to avoid taking loans. For some, our awards provide the ability to attend 4-year universities that they otherwise would not be able to attend even after taking loans. As we continue to hear from the recipients of our awards, they "couldn't do it without us." And that means "without YOU!"

Since 1965 we have awarded 2,968 students a total of \$12.4 million. We are honored and humbled that you choose to support us and the families we serve.

Thank you.

Bobby Sexton, President

## Richardson Awards Honor Brightest and Best



2019 Richardson Scholars Christopher In, Katherine Alerte and William Johnson receive awards from Nancy Richardson Luther (l) and her daughter Kristin Lockwood (r)

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. Fourteen talented applicants competed for this year's awards.

Nancy Richardson Luther and her daughter Kristin Lockwood presented the awards to this year's recipients: **St. Edward's School's Katherine Alerte**, who will attend Harvard College and major in a STEM-related discipline, **VBHS's Christopher In**, who will attend the University of Florida with a major in computer science and **St. Edward's William Johnson**, who will combine a study of the natural sciences and the arts at Dartmouth College. Diverse in their interests, these scholars share a passion for making the world a better place.

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. The family began offering the Richardson awards in 1985 to "seek out and nurture potential decision makers who will have a future impact on our country and the world." Since then, more than 100 graduating Indian River County students have been honored as Richardson Scholars. For the past three years, Nancy has been joined by her daughter Kristin as a member of the panel that interviews finalist candidates. A graduate of VBHS Kristin looks forward to working with SFIRC to carry on her family's legacy.

## Class of 2019 Awards

### Memorial

**Ruth E. Anderson Memorial:** Juliette Dalessandro  
**John Avril Memorial:** Michael Nixon  
**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block:** Juliette Dalessandro, Anna Kayser  
**Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial:** Steven Arteaga  
**Lois H. Cruze Memorial:** Daisy Cabanas  
**Darrell Fennell Memorial:** Hannah Elberson  
**Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Finby Memorial:** Jaharee Miree  
**Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial:** Alessandra Campione  
**J. Blaine Howard Memorial:** Hannah Harwick  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial:** Matthew Perakes  
**Will and Doris Jorgensen Memorial for Students of the Arts:** Jaden Kebbel  
**Alfred J. Koontz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship:** Jade Valentin  
**William L. Marine Memorial:** Peter Ern  
**Tyrone McGriff Memorial:** Jaharee Miree  
**Kenneth H. McKnight Memorial:** Lucia Romero-Vazquez  
**Margaret McReynolds Memorial:** Madison Conboy  
**Richard C. Moore Memorial:** Tes Jones  
**Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial:** Manning Davis  
**James Perry Memorial:** Samantha Ting  
**Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial:** Joshua Miner  
**Frank Richardson Memorial:** Connor Ford  
**Hanna P. Salsburg Memorial:** Renee Garabics  
**Jay Sibson Memorial:** Zane Morrow  
**Mary Hope Smathers Memorial:** Ryder Williamson  
**Barbara L. Stevens Memorial:** Hannah Elberson  
**Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial:** Margaret Dineege  
**Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award:** Peyton Fecca  
**Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial:** Madison Jackson  
**Lewis Stanley Whitaker and Myrna Newell Whitaker:** Linsey Derival, Margaret Dineege  
**Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship:** Michael Arizpe  
**Charles and Virginia Wollenzin Memorial:** Madison Jackson  
**William S. Youngman Award:** Manning Davis, Peter Ern, Peyton Fecca, Tes Jones

**Golden Grads Community Award:** Jett Morrow  
**Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Golf Sponsor Scholarship Award:** Meg Cabras  
**Herget Foundation Scholarship:** Marianna Forero  
**Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship:** Sophia Fodor  
**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block:** Gerrica Lamothe  
**Indian River Symphonic Association Scholarship:** Raegan O'Rourke  
**Johns Island Community Service League Employee Scholarship:** Patricia Arino  
**Litty Family Scholarship Award:** Linsey Derival  
**John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Nursing Scholarship:** Anna Kayser  
**Northern Trust Scholarship:** Sophia Fodor  
**Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship:** Hannah Harwick  
**Orchid Island Opportunity Scholarship:** David Gorian  
**Orchid Island Outreach Scholarship:** Haley Snowhill  
**Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship:** David Tran  
**Quail Valley Charities Scholarship:** Joseph Kolodziejczak, Matthew Manning  
**Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship:** James Beneduce, Connor Ford  
**Richardson Scholar Award:** Katherine Alerte, Christopher In, William Johnson  
**Rotary Clubs of Indian River County Founders' Scholarship:** Madison Conboy  
**Scholarship Foundation Community-Sponsored Award:** Steven Arteaga, Daisy Cabanas, Alessandra Campione, Madison Conboy, Linsey Derival, Margaret Dineege, Hannah Elberson, Peter Ern, Peyton Fecca, Sophia Fodor, Connor Ford, Haddie Frost, Renee Garabics, Hannah Harwick, Madison Jackson, William Johnson, Tes Jones, Joseph Kolodziejczak, Joshua Miner, Jaharee Miree, Jett Morrow, Michael Nixon, Lucia Romero-Vazquez, Lucille Stull, Caroline White  
**David Schuble Family Scholarship:** Haddie Frost  
**James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship:** Daisy Cabanas  
**Helen Sarah Steyer Award:** Renee Garabics  
**Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award:** Lucia Romero-Vazquez  
**Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award:** Zane Morrow  
**VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship:** Lucille Stull  
**Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship:** Samantha Ting  
**Wells Fargo Opportunity Scholarship:** Caroline White  
**Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship:** Steven Arteaga

### Honorary and Community-Sponsored

**Garden Club of IRC Award:** Delaney Knight

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



**Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**Grand Harbor Golf Club**  
**Shot-gun start at 8:30 am**  
**Lunch, prizes, goodies and more**



**Friday, August 16, 2019**  
**SRHS's Shark Stadium**  
**VIP BBQ Dinner 5:30 pm**  
**Kickoff at 7:00 pm**  
**Watch the big game from our tent!**

**New Scholarships**

The **Litty Family Scholarship** was set up by Jay and Ginny Litty in recognition of their belief in the importance of higher education and helping students earn their undergraduate degrees with little or no debt. Jay had a career in real estate development and the practice of law while Ginny pursued a career in her passion of landscape architecture and design. They have retired to Vero Beach.



Lindsay Derival, 2019 Litty Family Scholarship recipient

IRCHS's Linsey Derival accepted the award. Linsey will attend the University of Florida where her political science major will provide a stepping stone to her goal of attending law school. Says she: "Knowing there are people willing to invest in my future pushes me to believe that I can become successful, despite all odds. Because of you, I will be able to attend UF with my sole focus being receiving an education and not worrying about how to pay. This scholarship means more to me than words can describe."

The **Alfred J. Koontz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** was established with

memorial donations provided by Koontz's family and many friends following his death on April 16, 2018. A graduate of Penn State who earned his CPA while at Price Waterhouse, Koontz enjoyed a successful career as a financial executive, working for Piper Aircraft and Todd



Koontz' brother Ray, wife Carol and son AJ Koontz present the Alfred J. Koontz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship to UF student Jade Valentin

Shipyards in Seattle before retiring to Vero Beach. Koontz' wife Carol explained the origin of the award. "Scholarships and education were the catalysts for the achievements AJ attained in his life. He was a loving, caring and religious man of great integrity, always trying to bring out the good in others and help them achieve their full potential." Award recipient Jade Valentin, a home-schooled, IRSC AA graduate, will be attending the University of Florida majoring in economics.

**Recipient say thanks...**

"I graduated Summa Cum Laude with my bachelors degree in Elementary Education this past Monday, and received the honor of Outstanding Graduate in the Education department! It's hard to believe that my college career has come to a close, but I am eager to now apply what I have learned in a classroom of my own. I want to thank you and the Scholarship Foundation Board for the financial support you have given me the past four years while attending Palm Beach Atlantic. I now feel prepared to jump into my calling and passion with the wisdom and confidence I need to be successful." *Emily Miller, Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial Scholarship Recipient—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.



**54th Annual Awards Night**



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Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$12.4MM** in need-based college scholarships to **2,968 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.