



### THANK YOU!

**YOUR DONATIONS** once again brought joy to local high school students and their families who faced doubt about how they would be able to manage the staggering cost of college. You **unlocked opportunities** once only dreamed of. Our community is better because of you. **In the students own words...**

*"For the rest of my life, I will remember how your generosity allowed me to follow my dreams."*

*"SFIRC has truly opened my eyes to the idea that the scholarships are investments in our futures, and I cannot be more grateful you chose to invest in mine."*

Thank you to all of this year's donors. We encourage everyone to help us continue to support the college dreams of the hardworking, deserving students we serve. **We strive to help recipients graduate with little or no debt.** Be it through annual giving or an endowed award, **you can make a difference.** Our Executive Director Camilla Wainright would love to tell you more about what we do and how you can help.

**With tremendous gratitude, the students of Indian River County THANK YOU!**



### 57th Annual Awards Night

Class of 2022 recipients, parents, sponsors and friends receive awards and attend festive reception following the Ceremony.



Local support for local students since 1965

Summer 2022

## THANK YOU, Donors and Supporters Class of 2022 takes home \$664,730 in scholarships



### 57th Annual Awards Ceremony—May 17, 2022

Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the Indian River County community, Scholarship Foundation awarded \$664,730 in new need-based scholarships on May 17, 2022 at its 57th Annual Awards Ceremony which was held this year at Indian River Charter High School. Forty local students, including three recipients already in college and seven high school seniors who will receive their AA degrees from IRSC, received 77 scholarships to study at 22 colleges and universities in nine states and Washington, D.C.

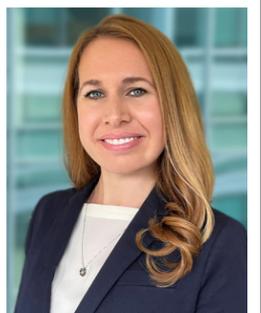
The awards are based on financial need and ability and are tailored to help close the gap between the student's cost of college and the resources they have available from other sources. They range from \$1,000 up to \$7,500 per year and are renewable for up to three years—providing support to students through the time needed to earn a bachelor's degree.

The new recipients join 82 past recipients who are renewing scholarships received in prior years. Scholarship Foundation awards open pathways otherwise unavailable to our students. They allow a student to attend a four-year university in lieu of a community college, to work less so as to be able to pursue an additional major or get involved in a wider range of activities, and to dramatically reduce or eliminate student loan debt they would need to incur.

### Why Scholarships Matter— An Alumna's Perspective

At this year's Awards Ceremony, Grace Thomas, a 2011 Vero Beach High School graduated and Scholarship Foundation recipient, delivered her remarks via video. Grace graduated from the College of William & Mary in 2014, joined Teach for America where she taught underprivileged students in the Mississippi Delta, and then went on to earn her her JD degree from Duke University in 2019. She is currently practicing law in Washington, DC.

She reminded this year's class to take pride in the fact that the whole community is supporting them. "My scholarship set me on the right track." When she had early doubts about her ability to succeed, it was her scholarship that helped her fears subside. "I thought, this panel isn't just wishing me well, they believe in me enough that they are willing to invest in me and my future. I felt proud that I had been chosen and comforted they saw something in me worth supporting."



Grace Thomas Wynn



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It is the mission of Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County to offer **hope, encouragement and scholarship opportunities** to Indian River County students with financial need who demonstrate the desire and academic ability to succeed in pursuing a post-secondary education.

Since 1965, Scholarship Foundation has awarded more than **\$14.1M** in need-based college scholarships to **3,065 Indian River County students**. All of our support results from the generosity of local individuals, businesses and foundations.

## 2022 Scholarship Awards

The Legacy, Memorial, Honorary and Community-Sponsored scholarships are made possible by the remarkable, enduring generosity of Indian River County individuals, organizations and businesses over the past 57 years.

### Memorial Scholarships

**John Avril Memorial Scholarship:** Cooper Gray

**Sofia Blanchard Memorial:** Maria Searcy

**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Memory of Marian L. Block:** Faith Bebbber

**Thomas W. Chornoby Memorial Scholarship:** Nicholas Jackman

**Lisa Eckerd Colbourn Memorial:** Sara Shroust

**Darrell Fennell Memorial Scholarship:** Martin Vasquez

**Morris A. "Darby" Gibbons Memorial:** Jace Ochacher

**Tyrone McGriff Memorial Scholarship:** Christopher Peterson

**Margaret McReynolds Memorial Scholarship:** Sydney Ohs

**Richard C. Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Irene Crumbacker

**Robert and Shirley Nugent Memorial:** Bella Miner

**Danforth Kidd and Marjorie Hopwood Richardson Memorial Scholarship:** Alexandra Fredericks

**Scholarship Foundation Legacy Endowment Fund Awards:** Lucas Bush, Ana Cancio Trelfa, Ella Clark, Delaney Coyne, Irene Crumbacker, Hailey Davis, Spencer Friedberg, Sydney Jenkins, Riley Kesterson, Evan Losey, Christopher Peterson, Abbigail Thomas

**Marjory S. Seinsoth Memorial:** Michel Jijon, Bella Miner

**Andrzej Humberto Steyer Memorial Scholarship:** Ella Clark

**Dr. (Hon.) Stanley Steyer and Diana Mary Steyer Award:** Kadrian Phillips

**Karen VanDeVoorde Memorial Scholarship:** Ayla Guven

**Archie S. Wingfield, Jr. Scholarship:** Gisella Escobedo

### Honorary and Community-Sponsored

**Indian River Blood Bank Scholarship in Honor of Samuel A. Block:** Sydney Jenkins

**Garden Club of Indian River County Award:** Ana Cancio Trelfa

**Gullquist Mullin Family Foundation Scholarship:** Krystal Moore-Gayle, Leonardo Wang

**The Herget Foundation Scholarship:** Jaden Seay, Brooke Smith

**Honeywell Cobb Family Scholarship:** Evan Losey

**Johns Island Community Service League Employees Scholarship:** Ian Arino

**Litty Family Scholarship Award:** Riley Kesterson

**John R. and Ann H. MacLean Family Scholarship:** Faith Bebbber

**William L. Marine and Lucy D. Marine Scholarship:** Adam Rogers

**Northern Trust Scholarship:** Lucas Bush

**Roger Larson Oak Harbor Employees Scholarship:** Christopher Peterson

**Orchid Island Employees Scholarship:** Richard Tehasse

**Jake Owen Foundation Scholarship Award:** Arel Marsh

**Quail Valley Charities Scholarship:** Delaney Coyne, Spencer Friedberg

**Realtors Association of Indian River County Scholarship:** Riley Kesterson, Michael Staller

**Rotary Clubs of IRC Founders' Scholarship:** Lucas Bush

**Richardson Scholar Award:** Kayleen Diaz, Ellie MacMullan, Alexandria Roth, Alexa Soderman

**Scholarship Foundation Community Awards:** Faith Bebbber, Alexandra Fredericks, Cooper Gray, Nicholas Jackman, Arel Marsh, Jace Ochacher, Sydney Ohs, Kadrian Phillips, Adam Rogers, Maria Searcy, Sara Shroust, Michael Staller, Martin Vasquez, Leonardo Wang

**David M. Schuble Family Scholarship:** Krystal Moore-Gayle

**James and Jane Schwiering Family Scholarship:** Michel Jijon

**Sengupta Family Scholarship:** Leonardo Wang

**Helen Sarah Steyer Award:** Ana Cancio Trelfa

**Thomas M. Steyer and Helen S. Steyer Award:** Hailey Davis

**Thomas and Simonetta Steyer Award:** Abbigail Thomas

**VanDeVoorde Family Scholarship:** Sydney Ohs

**Wabasso Women's Club Scholarship:** Ayla Guven

**Ellery, Jacqueline, and Frank Winters Scholarship:** James Elford

## Scholarships Matter - A Parent's Perspective

I am a single mom of four boys (ages 24, 21, 18 and 9) who moved from New Jersey to Sebastian, Florida almost 10 years ago. For as long as I can remember, my goal, aside from praying my boys would grow up to be healthy and happy young men, was for them to get through college DEBT-FREE. There were many sleepless nights when I would think how I was going to afford to put them all through college. I had no idea how I would do this. As they grew, all too quickly, I stressed the importance of a good education. They were always well-rounded boys, between school, sports, clubs and band. Every single quarter of every single year, their report cards showed mostly A's, and once in a while, a few B's. What a proud mom I was/am!

Fast forward to the senior year(s) at Sebastian River High School of the 3 oldest (2016, 2018, and 2022). Each of my boys applied for a multitude of local scholarships, including from the Scholarship Foundation. Besides winning awards at the school's scholarship nights, all 3 boys were awarded VERY generous scholarships from the Scholarship Foundation, affording them educational opportunities of significant proportions.

My oldest son, Eric, graduated University of Central Florida in 2020, with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a minor in music. Upon graduating, he worked at Kennedy Space Center and other major construction venues in Orlando. He was DEBT-FREE upon graduation!

My second son, Evan, graduated UCF in May, 2022, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Evan has accepted a position as a third grade teacher in Seminole County. I cannot WAIT to see the positive impact he has! Evan, too, was DEBT-FREE!



Evan, Lisa, Lucas, Brady and Eric Bush celebrate Lucas' HS graduation

Lucas, my third son, graduated Sebastian River HS in May, 2022 in the TOP 10 in his class! He will attend UCF with a major in business. If all goes according to plan, I am confident that he will also graduate DEBT-FREE!

All these boys worked part time jobs throughout their latter educational years, but their DEBT-FREE status would not have occurred without the beyond-generous scholarships from the Scholarship Foundation.

When my boys were younger, my mom told them: "Always remember to shoot for the moon, for the worst that will happen is you will miss, and fall amongst the stars". What words to live by!! When she would begin to recite this quote, wherever we were, or whatever we were doing they would always finish it! To this day, they still remember that! So, again, I just want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the Scholarship Foundation and its many benefactors. Hands-down, you were extremely instrumental in having all of my boys hit their individual "bullseye". Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will forever be grateful to all of you!!

Lisa Bush

## Richardson Scholar Awards Honor Brightest and Best

The presentation of the Richardson Scholar Awards is a highlight of each Awards Ceremony. These awards are SFIRC's most prestigious and competitive scholarships, and applicants must demonstrate the highest levels of achievement in academics, service and leadership. Seven talented applicants competed for this year's awards. Nancy Richardson Luther and her daughter Kristin Luther Lockwood presented the awards to the 2022 winners: VBHS's **Kayleen Diaz**, St. Edward's **Ellie MacMullan**, IRCHS's **Alexandria Roth** and St. Edward's **Alexa Soderman**.

Diverse in their interests, these scholars share a passion for making the world a better place. The Richardson Awards were established more than 35 years ago by Nancy's family. Her father Dan Richardson was a founder of 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 110 graduating Indian River County students have been honored as Richardson Scholars.



### Kayleen Diaz

A graduate of VBHS, Kayleen will attend UF with a major in Mechanical Engineering.



### Ellie MacMullan

A graduate of St. Ed's, Ellie will attend the University of Pennsylvania with a major in Bioengineering.



### Alexandria Roth

A graduate of IRCHS, Alexandria will attend the University of Florida and study Public Health.



### Alexa Soderman

A graduate of St. Ed's, Alexa will attend the University of North Carolina and study Biology.

## Scholarship Alums Are Going Places

### 2018 VBHS grad and Orchid Outreach scholarship recipient

**Taylor Grunzweig** writes: I want to thank you so much for your continued support throughout my college journey.. it wouldn't have been possible without your help. I have graduated Summa Cum Laude and with Honors with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing from USF. I have accepted a RN job at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL on the pediatric hematology/oncology unit. I am so excited to be starting my nursing career here. Thank you again!



### 2019 VBHS and IRSC AA grad and MacLean Nursing and Scholarship Foundation scholarships recipient

**Haley Snowhill** writes on graduating from UCF: These last couple of months have been extremely exciting and filled with recognition ceremonies, graduation and orientation for my RN job! I just had my 1 year anniversary as an intern at Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies, so was super excited to have gotten my dream job as an RN at Winnie Palmer. Being a recipient of the scholarships has helped immensely throughout my college journey.



I am deeply and sincerely appreciative for all the Scholarship Foundation has given me. The scholarship helped tremendously and I've enjoyed sharing my educational journey with all of you. It took many years of sacrifice and studying to get there, but it was all so incredibly worth it. It has been an honor to be a recipient and I hope I have made the scholarship committee proud.

### 2017 VBHS grad and Northern Trust scholarship recipient

**Emily In** writes: I am happy to share that I have graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Microbiology and Cell Science and a minor in Health Disparities in Society. In August 2021, I started medical school at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, a top 15 medical school and I am so grateful for the opportunity to pursue my lifelong dream of becoming a physician at such a prestigious institution. Once again, I want to thank the Scholarship Foundation for the generous award. I am endlessly grateful for the Scholarship Foundation for allowing me the opportunity to attend my dream school, the University of Florida and graduate debt-free. Although I will be taking out loans for medical school, I am so thankful that I have not accumulated debt from my undergraduate studies. Thank you again for supporting my undergraduate education.

