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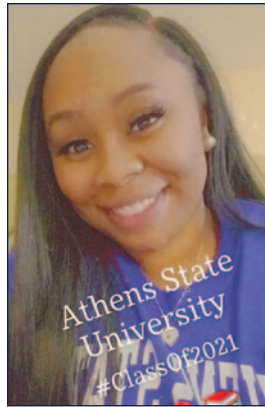
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## Because you care...

### *Saisha Terrell earns B.A. from Athens State University*



Scholar Grad Saisha Terrell

Saisha Terrell joined the WCF Scholars Society in Fall 2019 as a graduate of Jasper High School. She graduated from Beville State and the Scholars Society in May 2019 after completing an associate degree.

Following Beville State, Saisha transferred to Athens State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Development.

She graduated from Athens State on May 1.

Saisha now plans to pursue a master's degree in Clinical Psychology in hopes to provide emotional support and help for children with psychological hardships. She is

currently an educator at Loving Hands Learning Center in Decatur, Alabama, and she loves her job. Saisha commented, *"It is helping me learn to work with children."*

*"Because of the Walker College Foundation, not only did I receive financial aid to pursue and achieve my career goals, I also gained a family who have helped me not only at Beville State, but also at Athens State. Ms. Trawick and the WCF team helped me along this journey, and I cannot thank them enough for their support."*

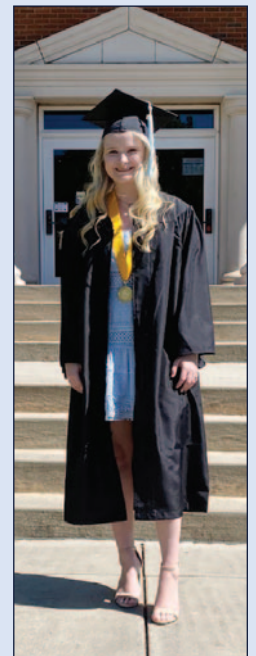
### *Morgan Suchey earns B.A. from Athens State University*

Morgan Suchey joined the WCF Scholars Society in Fall 2017 as a graduate of Cordova High School. In May 2019, she graduated from Beville State with an associate degree in pre-elementary education. Her first plan was to attend UAB, but she decided at the last minute to attend Athens State University. She says it was a great decision for her because she loved her time at Athens State.

*"I think if I could have earned my B.A. at Beville State, I never would have left. I loved the atmosphere at Beville State because it is a smaller school. Athens State was very similar for me, so I definitely recommend it!"*

Morgan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Athens State on May 1 with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently applying for early childhood education positions in Walker County.

*"I honestly don't think I would have attended college had I not received a scholarship from the Walker College Foundation. I enjoyed every meeting and every service project. I am very thankful for the WCF and grateful that I had the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible program and a wonderful group of scholars."*



Scholar Graduate  
 Morgan Suchey

## Scholars earn honors awards

Cody Gilbert, Brannon Langston, Caleb Benson, Halle Sanders, and Karlie Ratliff received academic honors during Bevell State Community College's 2021 Honors Program in April.



Brannon Langston



Caleb Benson



Halle Sanders



Cody Gilbert



Karlie Ratliff

## Congratulations to your scholar graduates!

In May 2021, 15 of your scholars completed their time with the Walker College Foundation Scholars Society and began making plans for the future.

Although they had a very unusual year, these scholars did their best to be active in the Scholars Society. We are so proud of these young men and women and we will miss all of our grads!

**Caleb Benson** was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. He earned an Associate in Applied Science degree in **Machine Tool Technology** and is going to work.

**Cody Gilbert** is a Curry High School graduate and was awarded the Dr. David J. and Mary Ellen Rowland Scholarship. He will attend the **University of Alabama** to earn a bachelor's degree in **Business-Finance**.

**Brannon Langston** is a Jasper High School graduate and was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. He earned an associate degree in **Pre-Music Therapy**.

**Kaitlyn McNair** is a graduate of Curry High School. She was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship and completed Bevell State's **Surgical Technology** program.

**Macy Medeiros** is a Carbon Hill High School graduate. She was awarded the William S. Thornton Scholarship. She plans to attend **Samford University's Pharmacy School**.

**Ciera Miller** is a graduate of Carbon Hill High School. She was awarded the Dr. Jack L. Mott Scholarship. She will transfer to **Athens State** for a degree in **Business-Accounting**.



**Cody Nix** is a graduate of Cordova High School. He was awarded the Dr. Jack L. Mott Scholarship. Cody transferred to the **University of South Alabama** to earn a bachelor's degree in **Mechanical Engineering**.

**Kayleigh Patterson** is a graduate of Dora High School. She was awarded the EBSCO Industries Annual Scholarship. Kayleigh earned an associate degree in **General Studies** and is continuing classes at Bevil State for an **Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing**.

**Dillon Roberts** is a graduate of Carbon Hill High School. He was awarded the William S. Thornton Scholarship. He is a **Pre-Forestry-Surveying** graduate and is currently working in his field of study.

**Victoria Robertson** is an Oakman High School graduate. She was awarded the WCF Nursing Scholarship. In December 2020, she earned an **Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing** and is working for Brookwood Hospital.

**Christopher Sherman** is a Jasper High School graduate. He was awarded the Nicholson Family Scholarship. He plans to earn a bachelor's degree in **Business-Finance** from **UAB**.

**Allie Sickles** is a Cordova High School graduate. She was awarded the WCF Education Scholarship and completed an Associate in Applied Science Degree in **Child Development**.

**Destin Talley** is a Meek High School graduate. He was awarded the WCF Nursing Scholarship. In December 2020, he earned an **Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing** and is working for UAB Hospital.

**Caitlin Vines** is an Oakman High School graduate. She was awarded the Murphy/Walker Family Scholarship. She is a **Pre-Business-Accounting** graduate.

**Isaac Whitlock** is a Jasper High School graduate. He was awarded the E. A. Larry Drummond Scholarship. He is a **Pre-Business-Finance** graduate.

# Memorials and Honors

*Below is a list of individuals who have been remembered or honored by friends or family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation. Donations were made between February 2021 - May 2021.*

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### Lynne Dover

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Robert Nolen

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- Valentine's Day

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### Sue Ellen Summers

- Valentine's Day

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### Vietnam Vets

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**Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and our community!**

## Community members provide new scholarship funds

**Two new scholarships have been funded by community members to give students the opportunity to attend college at Bevell State.**

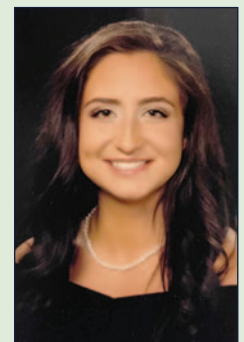
The **Congressman Tom Bevill Scholarship** was provided by Patricia (Bevill) and William Warren and Don and Karen Bevill in memory/honor of Congressman Tom Bevill's 100th birthday on March 27. A significant portion of Tom Bevill's years of public service in both the state legislature and U. S. Congress was dedicated to initiatives to provide access to higher education for students across rural Alabama. The scholarship provided by the Bevill family is for a deserving high school student who has demonstrated outstanding character, scholarship leadership, and citizenship in high school. The student selected for this scholarship is **Savannah Stanton** from Cordova High School. Savannah participated in National Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Talent Search. She was on the Honor Roll and earned Microsoft Word credentials. She volunteers as a VBS administrator for a South Dakota

mission group. Savannah plans to pursue a career as a **Chiropractor**.

The **Judge Alton M. and Veni Weldon Blanton Scholarship** was provided by Al Blanton for a student from Jasper High School who demonstrates high academic achievement and citizenship. Judge Al Blanton served as circuit judge for the 14th Judicial Circuit from 1956 to 1976, and Mrs. Blanton was a longtime educator who taught in Chambers, Tuscaloosa, and Walker counties for approximately 30 years. Both of these individuals believed in community service, academics, and the lifelong pursuit of learning. The student selected to receive this scholarship is **Zoe Ray** of Jasper High School. Zoe participated in National Honor Society and was a Walker County Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador. She volunteers with a youth group from Parrish First Baptist Church and helped with a painting project at Parrish Elementary School. Zoe plans to pursue a career in **Nursing** with a goal of becoming a **Nurse Practitioner**.



Savannah Stanton



Zoe Ray



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## Drummond Co provides scholarship funds

*Scholarships for children of employees and Tarrant High School seniors make a difference!*

Three outstanding students are receiving Fall 2021 scholarships provided by Drummond Company. They were chosen for their scholarship awards based on academic achievement, service, and written scholarship essays.

**Melissa Caroline Bishop**, the daughter of Todd Bishop, was chosen for the **WCF \$5,000 Drummond Co Scholarship for Children of Employees**, a one-time award that may be used at any college. Caroline is a graduate of Curry High School where she participated in National Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Student Government Association (President). She was a member of the Varsity Basketball and Softball teams and made the A and A/B Honor Rolls four years in a row. Caroline volunteers with the Women's Center at Walker Baptist Medical Center, Sasha's Hope and Rescue, R.U.F.F. Rescue, and Forgotten Tails Rescue.

Caroline plans to pursue a career in **Nursing** and will attend **Bevill State Community College**.

**Alex Arroyo** and **Yarecli Luna** were chosen to receive the **Drummond/ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School Seniors**. They will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

**Alex** is a Tarrant High School graduate where he participated in varsity football and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is Class Salutatorian. Alex plans to pursue a degree in **Automotive Mechanics** at **Lawson State Community College**.

**Yarecli** is also a Tarrant High School graduate where she participated in National Honor Society, Girls In Action, and Future Business Leaders of America. She also takes dual enrollment classes at Jefferson State Community College. She is Class Valedictorian. She volunteers at a food bank, nursing home, Race for the Cure, and helps as a translator during registration. Yarecli is interested in a career in **Computer Science** and plans to attend either the **UAB** or **Jefferson State Community College**.



Melissa Caroline Bishop



Alex Arroyo



Yarecli Luna