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2018-19 Scholarships

WCF provides over \$200,000 in scholarships to students

On August 16th, **40 new and returning scholarship recipients** started classes on the Bevill State Community College - Walker College Campus.

Scholarships provided to students for the 2018-19 school year cover tuition and fees and are renewable for a second year if a student maintains a 2.75 GPA. The approximate value of each scholarship is \$5,200 per year and includes a number of additional benefits including a scholar mentor, monthly lunches, and employability skills training. Students who enter the Associate Degree Nursing program in their first year at Bevill State receive the same benefits and are awarded an extended scholarship to cover two years in nursing school.

Maria Hernandez, recipient of the 2018-19 WCF Nicholson Family scholarship, wrote, **"It is an honor that I have received this scholarship. My plan is to major in nursing, become an RN, and then transfer to a university to earn a master's degree. Without the blessing of this scholarship, college would not have been an option for me. I am very thankful to receive this scholarship, not only to pay for my education, but to also help others in the future."**

This year, we are excited to have two of our graduates returning to work with the scholarship program. **Emi "Bella" Dutton** and **Jonah Trotter** will be Scholars Society advisors and will work with our students to help them through the school year.

Meet a few of our new scholars on pages 2 & 3.



Malea, Maria & Kaitlyn at first 2018-19 Scholars Lunch

The scholarships provided to these students originate from families who have established endowed scholarship funds and from individuals who have made contributions to the Walker College Foundation over the years. Through responsible investment policies and community contributions, more than \$2.5 million has been invested in students in our community.

Walker College Foundation supporters know that scholarships are critical for our community. Technical skills beyond high school, a two-year degree, or a four-year degree will open doors to needed opportunities including access to higher paying jobs so individuals can provide better financial support for their families, make better health and welfare decisions, and give back to the community. By providing scholarship funds, donors are working to strengthen the economic ties that bind this community together.

2018 transfer scholarships awarded

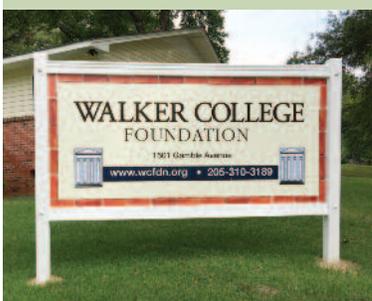
\$26,000 provided to students transferring to four-year colleges

Walker College Foundation (WCF) awarded **transfer scholarships to ten scholars** who completed their associate in science or arts degree from Bevill State - Walker College Campus. **Landi Earnest, Emi "Bella" Dutton, Jacob Robinson, Taylor Rowe, Jonah Trotter, Brady Pare, Mica Wade, Kennedy Stracner, Ashton Hanks, and Lynzi Hunter** will continue their higher education goals at four-year universities this fall with a little extra financial help.

Landi graduated in December 2017 and began studying at Athens State in the spring. Landi graduated from high school and from Bevill State a semester early and transferred to Athens State in Spring 2018. While in our scholarship program, she participated in community service projects, student lunches, and spent time

studying in our office. **Her future plans include working with elementary students in the special education-collaborative education setting.**

Emi graduated in May and started classes at Athens State University this fall. She was very involved in our Scholars Society and on campus and was an avid volunteer. She was selected as an All Alabama/All USA Academic team nominee for the Walker College (Jasper) Campus and during graduation was awarded the **C. I. Jones Memorial Award** by the faculty. She was also instrumental in setting up the **Walker College Foundation's Ethan Bland Memorial Scholarship Fund** after the death of her friend and fellow scholar, Ethan Bland. **Emi plans to teach math in the secondary education system.**



Meet a few of our 2018-19 scholarship recipients.



Anna Williams



Chance Crocker



Charles Hall



Kaitlyn McNair



Kyla Beasley

2018 transfer scholarships continued...

Jacob began his college career at Beville State thinking he would complete a two-year degree in computer science. When he graduated in May from Beville State, he had degrees in computer science and engineering. According to Jacob, "In my first year at Beville State, I considered it unlikely that I would ever get a Bachelor's degree much less the Master's degree or Ph.D. I now hold as goals for myself. It wasn't until I took Calculus with Jim Sanford that I finally decided I wanted to become an electrical engineer and research new ways to produce clean energy."

Jacob was selected to participate in the prestigious University of Alabama Noyce Internship for Math and Physics this summer. He is continuing his engineering degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Taylor was very active in our Scholars Society. She mentored several new scholars and was an avid volunteer. She has a heart for serving others. In addition to her involvement on campus, Taylor has worked with many community non-profits, made a Wigs for Kids hair donation, and participates in mission trips to Honduras. Taylor is continuing her college career at the University of Alabama at Birmingham to earn a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management and a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. She wants to help individuals with special needs and work to make their lives better.

When Jonah joined the Scholars Society, he already had enough dual enrollment credits to cover his first year of college! Jonah was very active in the Scholars Society and on campus while maintaining grades high enough to make the President's List every semester. He began his junior year at Athens State University this August and plans to earn a degree in collaborative education-special education. His career goal is to serve as an administrator for a Walker County school and give back to the community who has helped him succeed in college.

Brady joined the Scholars Society in 2016 on a William S. Thornton scholarship. He was active in the Scholars Society and was a great sport about eating our leftovers when he arrived late to our student lunches due to his class schedule. Brady wrote, "I want to thank the Walker College Foundation and its donors for supporting me, helping me to meet new friends, and giving me the chance to further my education and make my dream of becoming an electrical engineer a reality."

Brady transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall and is pursuing his dream of a career in electrical engineering.



Emi "Bella" Dutton and Taylor Rowe

Mica joined the Scholars Society in 2016 on the Steve Byars Memorial Annual Scholarship. She was in our program for her sophomore year and we enjoyed getting to know her. She was an avid volunteer and very active on campus. Mica has chosen Public Relations as her career path because, "my dream is to become a publicist and to earn a law degree. I chose this path because of my dad. He has pushed me from the time I was very small to go after my dreams and to never settle for less."

Mica began her third year in college at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall to pursue her degree in Public Relations.

Kennedy joined the Scholars Society as a freshman and spent two great years with us. She was very active with the Scholar's Society, volunteered for community service, and spent time studying in our office. It was a pleasure to talk with her about her future education

plans and goals. She is pursuing a degree in graphic design and is a very talented artist. She began her junior year at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this August and is continuing toward her goal of a graphic arts degree.

Ashton was an active member of our Scholars Society and an avid volunteer in the community. She was also very involved on campus in several student organizations. She mentored a new scholar, wrapped toys for Capstone Rural Health Center, manned the kettle for the Salvation Army, and decorated a tree for the Festival of Lights. On campus, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa two-year honor society and Sigma Kappa Delta English honor society.

Ashton began her junior year at the University of Alabama at Birmingham this fall to complete a degree in psychology.

Lynzi wasn't sure what she wanted to major in when she started classes with us. As time passed, she fell in love with the field of chemistry. She has such a passion for the field that she was selected to participate in the prestigious University of Alabama Noyce Internship for Chemistry this summer due to her outstanding accomplishments at Beville State.

Lynzi was an active member of our Scholars Society and on campus and competed on Beville State's Scholars Bowl team. Lynzi has already been hired to work in a lab and will continue her studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"We recognize that many students want to continue their education beyond an associate's degree, but the cost of two more years at a four-year university may hold them back. This scholarship gives them an incentive to work hard and keep moving toward those goals," said William "Bud" Long, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

If you would like to help future students with a transfer scholarship to a four-year university, please contact us at 205-310-3189 or htrawick@wcfdn.org.

Honors and Memorials

Below is a list of individuals who were honored or remembered by their friends and family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation from May 2018 - August 2018.

IN MEMORY:

Ethan Bland

Robbin & Anthony Allen
David Baily
Vickie Bobo Baily
Madison Bencko
Lori & Stephen Bland
Donna Bridges
Betty & James Doss
Emi Isabella Dutton
Katherine Earley
Donna Farley
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Corky Hagen
Judy & Steve Hager
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Jenny & Mike Short

IN HONOR:

Marion & Jacques Monguillon

Jeannie & Stan Brandon

Mark Fowler

Diana Fowler

Bud Long's Birthday

Kathryn Dunlap
Brandy Long Hill
Winslett Long Watson

Sara Catherine Murphy's

99th Birthday

Camille & Fred Bush, Jr.

Dr. David Rowland

Allen & Wanda Rowland
Mary Beth & Jody Barber

Maddie Hester Whitt

Eva Oates

Meet a few of our 2018-19 scholarship recipients.



Madison Bryant



Matthew Gallagher



DaTorrey Moore



Malea Isbell



Tanner Uptain

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Donate to the Walker College Foundation in honor or memory of a loved one and support students who want to go to college. Start an endowed scholarship fund and give a FOREVER gift to someone with everything!

Dual Enrollment Scholarships

Scholarships for Jasper High School & Walker County High Schools students

Eleven area high school students have been awarded Walker College Foundation Counselor's Choice dual enrollment scholarships since last spring. The dual enrollment scholarships provide an opportunity for students to take a college-level course at Bevill State Community College while they are still in high school.

Sarah Wakefield of Jasper High School, Malea Isbell of Dora High School, Ciera Miller of Carbon Hill High School, Mary Tuggle of Cordova High School, and Maria Hernandez of Curry High School were the recipients of the Spring 2018 Counselor's Choice Scholarships. Christopher Wilson of Jasper High School, Bailey Kelley of Carbon Hill High School, Daniel Haynes of Curry High School, Bethany Shepherd of Oakman High School, Ethan Pickett of Cordova High School, and Alyssa Lambert of Dora High School were selected for the Fall 2018 Counselor's Choice Scholarships.

The dual enrollment scholarships cover one college-level class (approx \$500) with book and are chosen by the high school's counselor.

Jennifer Misso, counselor for Cordova High School, said, "What a wonderful gift of education. This is a blessing to help a young student pursue higher education and gives them a chance to better themselves and the community. Great thanks to the Walker College Foundation for making this first step toward a positive future happen for these students."

Dual Enrollment credit benefits students in several ways. Since the credit is applied to a certificate or degree at Bevill State or transferred to another Alabama public college or university after high school graduation, students can get a head start on a college education, complete a degree earlier, and/or enter the job market more quickly.





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2018-19 Scholar's Reception

Students recognized at annual scholarship reception

The 2018-19 scholars were welcomed at our annual Scholarship Reception on August 30th. Scholars and parents were invited to the Bevell State Community College Francis Israel Cafeteria to meet Walker College Foundation trustees, supporters, and Bevell State employees. The audience was welcomed by **Board of Trustees Chairman William "Bud" Long** and by **Bevell State President Dr. Kim Ennis**. Each student introduced themselves and told attendees their plans while at Bevell State and beyond. **Special thanks goes to the Alabama National Guard and Tray Anderson for sponsoring the reception and being a great partner in our scholars program.**

40 students are attending Bevell State on Walker College Foundation full tuition scholarships for the 2018-19 year, including three nursing students. Two scholars are completing their degree with one additional class. Students are required to maintain a 2.75 GPA and are asked to participate in at least one community service project each year to renew their scholarship. They are provided monthly lunch meetings with guest speakers who coach them on employability skills, are assigned a scholar

mentor, and are provided with the opportunity to visit four-year colleges if they plan to transfer after they graduate from Bevell State.

2018-19 scholars include **Jordan Bell, Joshua Breed, Stori Lee Brown, Trenton Burton, Nicholas Files, Buddy Guthrie, Walter Hogue, Justin Levan, Anna Grace Martin, Audrey McLemore, John Rivers Nix, Tori Robertson, Morgan Suchey, Saisha Terrell, Forrest Van Beek, Zachary Woder, Kyla Beasley, Elijah Blankenship, Ariana Brannon, Madison Bryant, Jacob Cater, Reginald Clark, Jr., Chance Crocker, Kalea Evans, Matthew Gallagher, Brody Gunter, Jordan Hadder, Charles Owen Hall, Maria Hernandez, Ingrid Hogue, Malea Isbell, Silvana Lopez, Kaitlyn McNair, Macy Medeiros, DaTorrey Moore, Jonathan Pate, Daniel Strickland, Destin Talley, Jacob Uptain, Anna Williams, Isak Wisener, and James Connor Woods.**

We look forward to an outstanding year with these new and returning scholars! **To everyone who supports these students as they look toward a brighter future...Thank You!**



2018-19 Scholars Society members



2018 Scholarship Reception photos