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2020-21 WCF Scholarships

WCF provides over \$250,000 in scholarship funds

This Fall 2020, Walker College Foundation (WCF) allocated **more than \$250,000 in scholarship funds and support to students in and around Walker County.**

The majority of WCF's scholarship funds are presented to students who attend the Walker College Campus of Beville State Community College in Jasper. 45 scholarship recipients are attending Beville State on **WCF two-year, full-tuition scholarships** with a value of approximately \$10,500 each. They are members of the Walker College Foundation Scholars Society and their scholarship award includes more than financial support. These scholarships have additional benefits including a scholar mentor, monthly lunches, access to tutoring, and monthly training in soft skills that will benefit their future employment. In addition, WCF scholars who enter the Associate Degree Nursing program in their first year at Beville State receive the same scholarship benefits plus an extended nursing scholarship to cover five more semesters in nursing school.

WCF scholars who graduate with an associates degree after two years at Beville State are awarded a **transfer scholarship of \$2,000-\$4,000** to support the start of their junior year at the four-year college or university of their choice.

Meet your new scholars on every page!



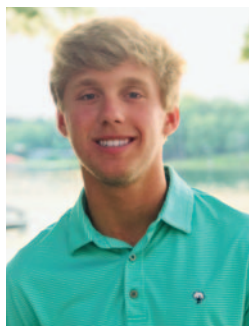
Kayleigh & Cody at Dec 2019 scholars lunch

WCF also provides **dual enrollment scholarships to Jasper City and Walker County High School students.** One WCF Counselor's Choice scholarship award is given to each high school for both fall and spring semesters. It covers tuition and fees for one class with an additional stipend to use toward books.

Scholarship recipients for the 2020-21 academic year include **Joseph Aaron, Jacob Aldridge, Jeffery Atkins, Caleb Benson, Madelyn Cagle, Carson Calvert, Ryan Childers, Robert Dailey, Carson Daughdrill, Will Dutton, Thomas Figueroa, Emma Fincher, Cody Gilbert, Alexis Grooms, Ian Hocutt, Hannah Homan, Emma Hyche, Malea Isbell, Brannon Langston, Garrett Lomoro, Tyler McCluskey, Kaitlyn McNair, Macy Medeiros, Ciera Miller, Quardell Moore,** (2020-21 scholarships continued on page 3)



Alex Atkins



Carson Daughdrill



Chloe Padgett



Destiny Poff



Meet our 2020-21 scholarship recipients



Emma Hyche



Gabby Sandlin



Halle Sanders



Ian Hocutt



Alexis "Lexi" Grooms

EBSCO Industries funds new scholarships

Birmingham company provides additional \$30,000 for student scholarships

Carson Calvert, **Cannon Taylor**, and **Anna Woodley** have been awarded two-year scholarships to Beville State funded by **EBSCO Industries** in Birmingham. The \$30,000 in new scholarship funds represents the second year EBSCO has supported scholarships in our community through a partnership with WCF. EBSCO is also supporting sophomores **Kayleigh Patterson (Forensic Science)**, **Emma Fincher (Nursing)**, and **Courtney Richardson (Nursing)**.

Carson Calvert graduated from Curry High School. **He plans to pursue a career as a Pharmacist.**



Carson Calvert



Cannon Taylor



Anna Woodley

Cannon Taylor graduated from Oakman High School. **He plans to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering.**

Anna Woodley graduated from Curry High School. **She plans to pursue a career in Elementary Education.**

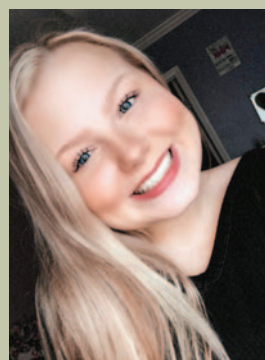
EBSCO Industries, Inc. was founded in 1944 by the late Elton B. Stephens and his wife, Alys Robinson Stephens. It is one of the largest privately held companies in Alabama. The company and the Stephens family have a long history of uplifting nonprofit organizations and the community through philanthropic initiatives.

Synovus Bank funds new college scholarship

\$5,000 grant award sends local student to college

In a new partnership, **Synovus Bank** awarded **Walker College Foundation (WCF)** a \$5,000 grant to provide a college scholarship to a student from **Walker County**. The Synovus Bank Scholarship recipient, **Madeline "Maddi" Phillips**, began classes at Beville State this fall.

Maddi, the daughter of Cheryl and Roger Phillips of Curry, is a graduate of Curry High School where she participated in FCCLA, National Beta Club, Key Club, SGA, Volleyball, Basketball, and Varsity Softball. She was awarded a Beville State Summer Honors Scholarship. **Maddi** also volunteers with several organizations including the Salvation Army, a local nursing home, and the Special Needs Swim Meet. **She plans to pursue a career in Accounting.**



Madeline Phillips

Shawn Morgan, Jasper Market Executive for Synovus Bank, commented, "**Synovus in Jasper is honored to partner with WCF to provide this well-deserved scholarship to Madeline Phillips. Supporting our community is a number one priority for our bank and furthering the education of our young people is a part of that goal. We are excited about this partnership to help local students!**"

Synovus Financial Corporation is a financial services company based in Columbus, GA with approximately \$54 billion in assets. Synovus Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Synovus, has been recognized as one of the country's "**Most Reputable Banks**" by **American Banker** and the **Reputation Institute**.

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 July 2020 and September 2020.

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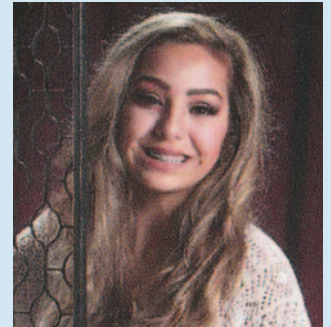
Meet our 2020-21 scholarship recipients



Lydia Morrison



Maddi Cagle



Rayanna Perryman



Tyler McCluskey



Victoria Taylor

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of your scholars! Thank you!

2020-21 WCF Scholarships awarded (cont. from page 1)

Lydia Morrison, Cody Nix, Chloe Padgett, Allie Parr, Kayleigh Patterson, Rayanna Perryman, Madeline Phillips, Destiny Poff, Karlie Ratliff, Courtney Richardson, Dillon Roberts, Tori Robertson, Halle Sanders, Gabby Sandlin, Christopher Sherman, Allie Sickles, Lucia Siquina, Savannah Stanton, Destin Talley, Cannon Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Nicole Villavicencio-Guarduño, Caitlin Vines, Hannah Walker, Isaac Whitlock, Maranda Wilson, Anna Woodley, Carly Woods, and Connor Woods.

Scholarships are critical for our community. In a recent education study, scholarships emerged as the strongest predictor of student persistence, progression, and timely graduation. Once a student graduates with a two-year degree, four-year degree, or technical skills beyond high school, doors will open 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 and support, our donors are working to change lives and strengthen the economic ties that bind this community together.



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Pinnacle Bank continues scholarship program support

Local bank provides second \$5,000 scholarship for Walker County student

Pinnacle Bank, a downtown Jasper community member since 1935, provided a second \$5,000 scholarship to a Walker County student this fall. The bank's initial investment in scholarships began last year as a response to a growing need to help students with access to college and opportunities. The Pinnacle Bank Scholarship was presented to **Joseph Aaron** for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Joe is a graduate of Oakman High School. He began classes at Beville State this fall. **Joe** participated in numerous activities while in high school including the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and the Oakman High School Marching and Concert Band. He earned a place in the Walker County Honor Band and the University of North Alabama Honor Band and was chosen as a Boy's State Delegate in 2019. **Joe** also volunteers with the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. **He plans to pursue a career in Drafting.**



Joseph Aaron

Bert Hendrix, Pinnacle Bank's Executive Vice President, also volunteers with the scholarship program by teaching the scholars about managing money. He has seen how community support makes a difference in the lives of our scholars.

"We are excited to partner with the WCF to help students in our community learn the knowledge and skills they need for the future.

***We want to see these students succeed and know it takes more than just a monetary investment. By providing this scholarship and giving our time to these students, we are focused on improving the quality of life for our community members. And, we look forward to helping Joseph reach his future goals,"** said Hendrix.*

For the second year in a row, Pinnacle Bank has been ranked in **American Banker Magazine's "Top 200 Community Banks"**.