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## Where are they now?

Walker College Foundation (WCF) has been providing scholarship funds to students since 1994. **In 2015, we began a full-tuition scholarship program to support students through a two-year associate degree or associate in applied science degree. This program is our Scholars Society,** and we have been keeping in touch with those graduates. Because of your support, this is where some of your graduates are now!

### Scholars who graduated from BSCC in May 2017:

**Jonathan Sargent (Jasper HS)** graduated from UAB in May 2019 in Electrical Engineering. He is working for Alabama Power Company in the Power and Control Department in Birmingham. He married in October 2020.

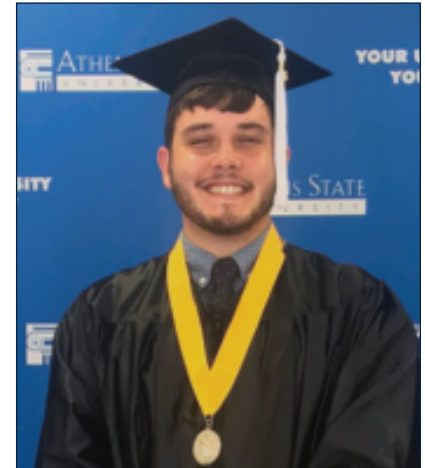
**Josie Walker (Curry HS)** graduated from Athens State in May 2019 in Elementary Education-Math Education. She is working for T. R. Simmons Elementary School in Jasper.

**Cyle Roberts (Carbon HS)** joined the U.S. Army after graduation and is stationed in Italy. When he is able, he plans to continue his education toward a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. *Thank you for serving our country, Cyle!*

**Emi "Bella" Dutton (Carbon Hill HS)** graduated from Athens State in December 2020 in Secondary Education-Math Education. She is working for a high school in Athens, AL.

**Brittany Cagle Grissom (Curry HS)** graduated from University of North Alabama in December 2019 in Fine Arts-Photography. Before COVID caused the Space Camp to close, she worked for the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. She married in October 2020.

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Trenton Burton graduates from Athens State

**Lynsie Taylor (Jasper HS)** graduated from Auburn University in May 2019. She is currently pursuing a M.S. in Animal Sciences and has applied to enter Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Landi Earnest Gilliland (Curry HS)** will graduate from Athens State in May 2021 in Elementary Education-Special Education. Landi married in July 2019 and is expecting a daughter in June 2021. Congratulations, Landi!

**Darby Parrish (Carbon Hill HS)** went to work after graduating from BSCC and has a job she loves with Masonite International in Haleyville, AL.

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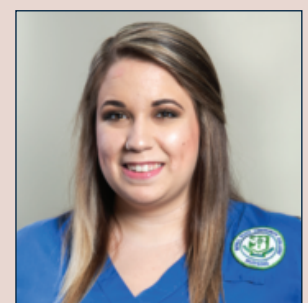
## Meet your new Associate Degree Nursing graduates!



Destin Talley  
 Meek HS graduate

Destin Talley and Victoria "Tori" Robertson completed Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Nursing in December 2020. We are so proud of this accomplishment!

**Congratulations and best wishes to these scholar graduates!**



Victoria "Tori" Robertson  
 Oakman HS graduate



## Scholars decorate Festival of Lights tree

*Scholars participate in community service in 2020*

2020 was a strange year...scholars attended classes from home, we held our student lunch meetings by zoom, and traditional college activities were cancelled. Our scholarship program's focus on community service was put on hold. However, several scholars were able to participate in one service project in December -

the Festival of Lights, a fundraiser benefitting Hope for Women. Scholars decorated a WCF Christmas tree donated by Bankhead Land and Timber and also decorated a tree for the Rotary Club of Jasper. Thank you to **Lucia** and **Christopher** for spending a beautiful December day spreading holiday cheer!

## Dr. David J. Rowland Avenue dedication

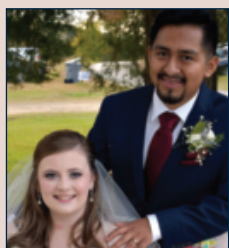
*Downtown Jasper street named in memory of extraordinary community member*

On a cold day in December 2020, a gathering of community members were present for the unveiling of the **Honorary Dr. David J. Rowland Avenue** sign. Rowland Avenue spans 2nd Avenue from 17th Street to 19th Street and was championed by the City of Jasper, Jasper Main Street, and the Walker College Foundation.

The group that attended the unveiling consisted of friends and family who were close to Dr. Rowland. They included members of the Rowland family, the City of Jasper, the Walker College Foundation Board of Trustees, the Rotary Club of Jasper, the Jasper Main Street Board of Directors, and the Walker County Salvation Army Board of Directors. Although he passed away in December 2019, Dr. Rowland's legacy will forever make a difference in our community.



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Diego & Autumn Pascual

**Taylor Rowe (Curry HS)** graduated from UAB in 2019. She was accepted into UAB's competitive Occupational Therapy program with an expected graduation date of December 2022.

**Haley McAllister Royster** will graduate from Athens State in May 2022 in Elementary Education. She is currently a substitute teacher in the Walker County School System. She married in September 2020.

### Scholars who graduated from BSCC in May 2018:

**Jonah Trotter (Oakman HS)** graduated from Athens State in May 2020 in Secondary Education-Special Education. He is working at Corner High School in Jefferson County and loves his job!

**Trenton Burton (Curry HS)** graduated from Athens State in May 2020 in Elementary Education - History Education. He is working for Cold Springs Elementary School in Cullman County and loves his job!

**Diego Pascual (Jasper HS)** graduated from the UAB in May 2020 in Biomedical Technology. He has been accepted into UAB's Dental School for the August 2021 term. He married in November 2018.

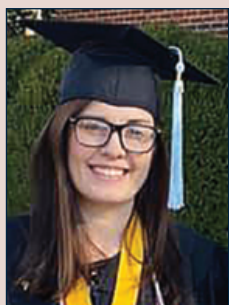
**Lynzi Hunter (Curry HS)** will graduate from UAB in May 2021 in Chemistry. She has been accepted into UAB's graduate school to study Polymer Chemistry and Drug Delivery Design.

**Kennedy Stracner (Cordova HS)** graduated from UAB in December 2020 in Graphic Design. She works for Quality Graphics Printing in Jasper as a Graphic Designer.

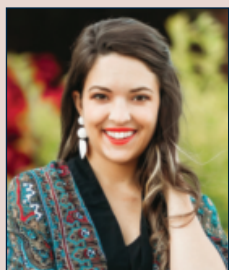
**Jacob Robinson** will graduate from UAB in May 2021 in Electrical Engineering. He is also working for Southern Research Institute.

**Deanna Diveto (Carbon Hill HS)** graduated from Wallace State's Dental Assistant program in May 2020. Deanna and WCF Graduate **Brady Pare (Carbon Hill HS)** were married in September 2020. **Brady** will graduate from UAB in May 2021 in Electrical Engineering. He currently has an internship with Southern Company.

Nursing graduates - **Walker Williams (Jasper HS), Madisyn Hood (Jasper HS), Emily Colburn (Cordova HS), Justin Levan (Dora HS), Victoria Robertson (Oakman HS), and Destin Talley (Meek HS).**



Emi "Bella" Dutton



Kennedy Stracner



Brittany (Cagle) & Garrett Grissom



Lynzi Hunter



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**Marthanne Brown's birthday**  
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Holly Trawick

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Dan & Sue Ellen R. Summers

**Sue Ellen Rowland Summers**  
Robbin Reed Allen  
Holly Trawick

**Becky Tracy**  
Robbin Reed Allen  
Holly Trawick

**Holly Trawick**  
Robbin & Anthony Allen  
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## Alexis Schultz

### *My road to Surgical Technology*

"In May 2018, I remember walking across the field during high school graduation thinking, "What am I going to do with my life?" I had no idea about my next steps. I started college in August 2018 taking basic courses and working at a local coffee shop/boutique. By May 2019, I still had no idea what was next. The eureka moment came in August 2019 when I ran across the **Surgical Technology program** at Beville State. I decided to apply. Through the help of a two-year scholarship from the Walker College Foundation, I started a journey that was the single most difficult, yet rewarding, thing I have done in my life. The Surgical Technology program was a challenge. I spent long hours studying, taking tests, and working clinical hours, all while still working part-time.

In April 2020, two days after I started my last clinical rotation, we were taken



out of the hospitals due to COVID. We were not allowed to finish our clinicals until the end of July. We spent 40 hours a week in clinicals to catch up on what we missed over those last few months! Exhausting! **Before I graduated in August 2020, I was offered a job at UAB Highlands and started my job in September 2020.** I absolutely love my career! I work with the most gifted surgeons every day and love learning new things. Without the help of WCF's donors, I would not have been able to pursue my dreams. I am the first person in my family to graduate from college, and I owe all of my academic successes to the Walker College Foundation! I can't wait to see what's next!"

**You can help students like Alexis reach their dreams with a gift to the Walker College Foundation. You have many options!**

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