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2021-22 WCF Scholarships

WCF provides scholarship funds to area students

This Fall 2021, Walker College Foundation (WCF) allocated up to **\$300,000 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 Bevill State Community College in Jasper. The students attending Bevill State are members of our Scholars' Society and include 53 scholarship recipients this academic year. Their scholarship award includes more than financial support. These scholarships, valued at **\$10,500 for a two-year scholarship**, include peer mentors, monthly lunches, access to tutoring, and monthly training in soft skills that will help them in future employment. WCF scholars who enter the Associate Degree Nursing program in their first year at Bevill State earn an additional nursing scholarship to cover five more semesters in nursing school.

For Scholars' Society members who graduate with an associate degree after two years at Bevill State, WCF provides **\$2,000-\$4,000 transfer scholarships.** These scholarships support the start of their junior year at the four-year college or university of their choice.

WCF also provides **dual enrollment scholarships to Jasper and Walker County high school students.** One WCF Counselor's

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2021-2022 Scholars' Society

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.

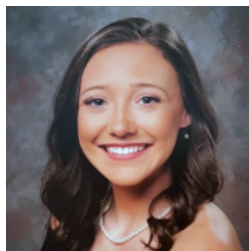
In addition to all of these scholarships, WCF works with **Drummond Company** to provide scholarships that may be used at any college the recipient chooses to attend.

Walker College Foundation's scholarship recipients for the 2021-22 academic year include **Trinity Epps, Lilly Waldrop, Gracie Trotter, Chase Turner, Drew Martin, Robert Dailey, Aubrey Jones, Madison Aycock, Jacob Woder, Anna Dutton, Elijah Pruitt, Noah Ferguson, Nicholas Fruci, Camryn Wright, Zoe Ray, Savannah Stanton, Lindsay Kelly, John-Rex Cain, Jacob Davis, Jayla Alexander, Kendall Files, Jenna Johnson, Emily Keeton, Crimson Stanger, Melissa Bishop, Alex Arroyo, Yarecli Luna, Quardell Moore, Chloe Padgett, Ryan Childers, Emma**

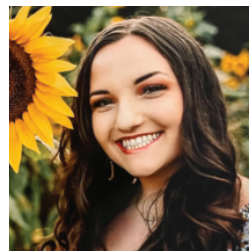
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Jayla Alexander



Madison Aycock



Melissa Bishop



Robert Dailey

2021-22 Scholars



Aubrey Jones



Emily Keeton



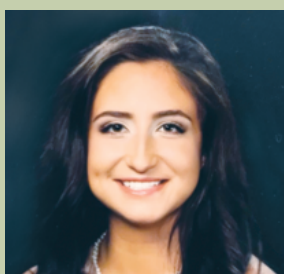
Lindsay Kelly



Drew Martin



Elijah Pruitt

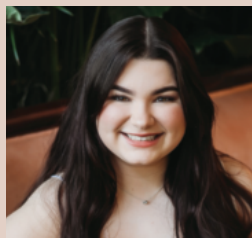


Zoe Ray

2021-22 WCF Scholarships awarded (cont. from page 1)

Hyché, Lydia Morrison, Tyler McCluskey, Will Dutton, Carson Daughdrill, Ian Hocutt, Madeline Phillips, Alexis Grooms, Victoria Taylor, Maddi Cagle, Lucia Siquina, Carson Calvert, Cannon Taylor, Anna Woodley, Kayleigh Patterson, Courtney Richardson, Emma Fincher, Malea Isbell, Halle Sanders, Hannah Walker, Joseph Aaron, Gabby Sandlin, Alex Atkins, Destiny Poff, Allie Parr, Karlie Ratliff, Maranda Wilson, Chance Martin, Katherine Peraza, Bryson Crump, Taylor Barton, Cierra Miller, Cody Gilbert, and Christopher Sherman.

By providing scholarship funds, our donors are changing lives and strengthening the economic ties that bind this community together. In a recent education study, scholarships emerged as the strongest predictor of student persistence and timely graduation. Once a student graduates with a two-year, four-year, or technical degree beyond high school, doors 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 that has supported them.



Anna Dutton



Trinity Epps



Kendall Files



Jenna Johnson

Pinnacle Bank continues scholarship support

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

Pinnacle Bank, established in 1935, has provided a \$5,000 scholarship to a Walker County student for the 2021-22 academic year. The bank's initial investment in scholarships began in 2019 in response to a growing need to help students have access to college



Noah Ferguson

opportunities. The 2021 Pinnacle Bank Scholarship was presented to **Noah Ferguson.**

Noah is the son of Tracy and Tim Ferguson of Jasper. Before graduating from Oakman High School, Noah was an active member of Beta Club, Yearbook Club, Science Club, Etcetera Club, EHK, and Anchor Club. He was also a member of the Youth Leadership Walker County program and the Superintendent's Student Leadership Academy. After graduating from

Bevill State, Noah plans to transfer to a four-year college to focus on a career as an **Architectural Engineer.**

Bert Hendrix, Pinnacle Bank's Executive Vice President, is a volunteer with the WCF scholarship program and teaches scholars about

managing money and working with credit. He has seen this community support make a difference in the lives of our scholars. **"We are excited to partner with WCF to help students in our community learn the skills they need for the future. We want to see these students succeed and know it takes more than a monetary investment. We are focused on improving the quality of life for our community members."**

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 June 2021 and August 2021.

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Wade & Lisa O'Mary

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& Scout Barber**

George & Patsy Barber

William "Bud" Long

Kathryn Long Dunlap

Sara Catherine Murphy

Kay Byars

Courtney Richardson

Jamie Richardson

George Wilbanks

Krystal Drummond
& Chris Williams
Lee & Cindy Kinnebrew

2021-22 Scholars



Savannah Stanton



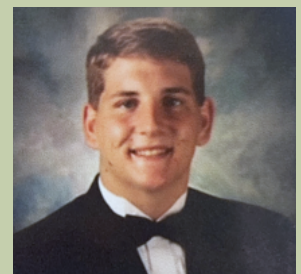
Gracie Trotter



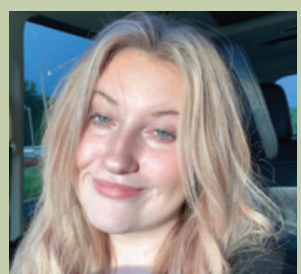
William Chase Turner



Lilly Waldrop



Jacob Woder



Camryn Wright

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

Synovus Bank provides scholarship grants

\$5,000 in grant awards makes college possible for local student

For a second year, Synovus Bank has awarded Walker College Foundation (WCF) a \$5,000 grant to provide a 2021-22 college scholarship to a student from Walker County. The Synovus Bank Scholarship recipient, Nicholas Fruci, began classes at Bevill State this fall.



Nicholas Fruci

Nicholas attended Oakman High School where he received high academic honors and was the Wildwood P.R.E.P. Academy Chess Champion. He was also an active member in Etcetera Club and Chess Club. After graduating from Bevill State with an associate degree, Nicholas plans to transfer to a four-

year college and pursue a bachelor's degree in **Business** or **Computer Science**.

Shawn Morgan, Jasper Market Executive for Synovus Bank, commented, "*Synovus in Jasper is honored to partner with WCF to provide a well-deserved scholarship to Nicholas Fruci. Supporting our community is a*

number one priority for our bank and furthering the education of our youth is a part of that goal. We are excited about this partnership to help local students!"

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EBSCO Industries continues to fund scholarships

Birmingham company provides \$30,000 for student scholarships in our community

John-Rex Cain and **Jacob Davis** have been awarded two-year scholarships funded by **EBSCO Industries, Inc.** in Birmingham. The new scholarship funds represent the third year EBSCO has supported scholarships in our community through a partnership with Walker College Foundation. EBSCO's new scholarship recipients are both studying **Machine Tool Technology** and attend Bevell State Community College.

John-Rex Cain is a graduate of Jasper High School where he participated in Beta Club, Varsity Football and Varsity Baseball. He was voted 2021 Class Favorite and 2021 Most Dependable. He has volunteered for canned food drives, entertained residents in local nursing homes, read books to elementary school children, and participated in local clean-up efforts along Viking Drive. He is looking forward to completing an associate degree and a career as a **Machinist**.



John-Rex Cain



Jacob Davis

Jacob has been working in the community for several years and decided to pursue a career as a **Machinist**. He wrote that receiving this scholarship would enable him to “*mentor other students who have doubts about going to college due to the financial burden. If they don't have money for college, there are opportunities like this one out there.*”

Returning EBSCO scholarship recipients include **Kayleigh Patterson (Nursing), Emma Fincher (Nursing), Courtney Richardson (General Studies), Carson Calvert (Civil Engineering), Cannon Taylor (Electrical Engineering), and Anna Woodley (Elementary Education).**

EBSCO Industries 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. EBSCO and the Stephens family have a history of uplifting nonprofit organizations and supporting the community through philanthropic initiatives.